

RADICAL REFORM PLEDGED

Must Increase Production, Premier Wong Says

Commonwealth Conference

London, May 24. The first steps towards a conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers are expected soon.

The Government are known to hope for an early conference, before the King and Queen leave for Australia and New Zealand.

The Western Union, in which the Commonwealth countries are interested through their link with Britain, would probably be the first item for the conference to discuss. Commonwealth defence and trade would also be discussed.—Reuter

EIGHT BURIED IN DEBRIS

Eight workers were buried in debris when the front part of the Diawood Street Works in Davis Street, Kennedy Town, collapsed suddenly early yesterday morning.

Only one of them, Shau Piu, a 17-year-old girl, was seriously injured. She received internal injuries and a fractured arm.

Two other workers standing nearby were unscathed but sustained shock. The other six received minor abrasions and spinal injuries.

Firemen from Kennedy Town station and an ambulance from Central station were on the scene soon after the structure collapsed. They extricated the victims and sent them immediately to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

Pillars supporting the collapsed portion were eaten away by white ants.

Remainder of the building was undamaged.

Apology To BOAC

Tokyo, May 25. The Chief of the United States Far East Air Force expressed official regret today for the interception on Saturday of a British Overseas Airways Corporation flying-boat, south of Okinawa Island.

The message was sent to Sir Alvery Gascoigne, head of the British Liaison Mission, by Major-General Thomas D. White, acting-commanding general of the Far East Force.

The American Air Force headquarters here said that fighter planes fired a short burst away from the British flying boat to attract the pilot's attention as they could not identify it.

After identification, the plane was permitted to proceed to Hong Kong.—Reuter.

FLYING SCHOOL ACCIDENT

It was reported last night that a training plane of the Far East Flying School at Kai Tak was damaged yesterday when one of its tyres burst while taxiing. The plane was carrying an instructor and a pupil. This could not be confirmed, however.

Chinese Premier A Good Choice

Washington, May 24. Official and diplomatic reaction here is most favourable to Chiang Kai-shek's appointment of Wong Wen-hao as Chinese Premier.

The consensus of opinion was that Mr. Wong would fill the position with great credit to himself and China if given adequate authority.

Mr. Wong is known in official circles here as an "economist."

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Cabinet To Be Named Soon

Nanking, May 25. Prime Minister Wong Wen-hao, at his first press conference today, pledged that his Government will carry out "radical and thorough reforms," and said United States aid would be utilised so that the "greatest benefit may be shared by the greatest number of people."

The diminutive Premier, speaking both in English and Chinese in the jammed press room at the National Resources Commission, pledged his Government to continue the struggle against the Communists who "are spreading chaos in China."

"The primary problem is to raise the people's standard of living," Wong said. "I have always believed that the fundamental strength of any nation lay in its production. We must strive to increase China's productive output."

The new Premier said he was grateful for the United States aid which would do much to help China's economic recovery.

Questions Parried

Wong parried all specific questions about the makeup of his Cabinet or details of his administrative programme. He said it was premature to publicly discuss this since his Cabinet has not yet been formed.

Asked whether members of the two minority parties would be included in his Cabinet, Wong replied that his Cabinet would continue the "same spirit of multi-party cooperation which characterised Gen. Chiang's Cabinet."

He said he expected to announce the names of members of his Cabinet within a few days.

Wong, who is under five feet tall and weighs less than 100 pounds, said his appointment came as a complete surprise to him.

He said the Generalissimo informed him of his (Chiang's) intention to nominate him for the Premiership only a "very short while ago" before submitting his name to the Legislative Yuan.

"I was not mentally prepared to take over the difficult duties of President of the Executive Yuan," Wong said, "but in this difficult time I am duty bound to do my part to tide the nation over a period of crisis."

Wong said the inflation, rising prices and disrupted communications were the chief economic problems facing the nation "calling for radical and thorough reforms."

"Constant Advice"

The Premier said it was his duty to see to it that the United States aid was used to the best advantage so that the greatest benefit would be shared by the greatest number of people.

He called on the Chinese people to favour his Government with "constant advice" in the performance of their difficult task.

In response to a question about whether any change was contemplated in China's foreign policy, Wong replied that the basic principles of China's foreign policy were firmly established and remained constant. He said, however, that there might conceivably be changes in details.—United Press.

Bevin And Douglas Meet Again

London, May 25. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and United States Ambassador Lewis Douglas met again today to seek a joint Anglo-American plan for producing peace in Palestine.

A Foreign Office spokesman told a news conference today that the United States and Britain are seeking "a common approach to the solution of the Palestine problem."

MISSING BOYS RETURN

The two boys reported missing from their home by their mothers last Monday afternoon returned home at about 9 p.m. that night.

Au Keng, aged 6, and Cheung Wai-ki, aged 6, were said to have gone out to play in the afternoon and did not return for quite a long time, which led their mothers to advise the police. No reason was given to the police for their "French Leave." Both live at No. 50, Tai Ping Shan Street.

A motor car hub cap found on a thief awaits claiming by the owner at No. 6 Police Station.

Picture Of The Day

New Look And Old



H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth in an unusual "New Look" ensemble, stops in front of one of the items in the Exhibition of Eight Centuries of British Life in Paris. It was a top-hat worn by her grandfather, King Edward VII. The Exhibition was opened by the Princess. (A.P. Photo)

POLICE AID REVENUE OFFICERS IN SEARCH

Emergency Police units were rushed to the s.s. "Hai Chiao", anchored off Stonecutter's Island on Monday, when some members of the ship's crew allegedly adopted a threatening attitude to prevent Revenue Officers from searching the vessel.

Owned by the China Merchants Navigation Company, the "Hai Chiao" arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday from Hainan Island en route to Japan. She stopped at Hong Kong to refuel.

Goods Seized

Shortly after her arrival, Revenue Officers boarded the vessel, and according to Mr. J. McIntyre-Brown, Chief Executive Officer, between 50,000 and 60,000 dutiable unmanifested cigarettes and some 100 bottles of dutiable wine were seized.

Found Nothing

Finding the Captain and First Officer absent, the Revenue Officers and Police decided to temporarily abandon the search.

SHANTUNG EARTHQUAKE

Nanking, May 25. It was reported today that Chefoo, Shantung seaport, was shaken by a seven-minute earthquake at 9.20 a.m. GMT (0 p.m. Hong Kong time) yesterday.

A number of houses collapsed but no casualties were reported. Slight tremors also were reported in Tientsin.—United Press.

JEWS EVACUATE SETTLEMENT

Tel-Aviv, May 25. Hagannah said Jewish forces evacuated the Yad Mordechai collective settlement today after 24 hours of shelling by Egyptian artillery. The settlement is in the Southern Desert between Gaza and Magdala.

The communiqué said, "All the wounded and the soldiers arrived safely at new posts."

An earlier communiqué said the Egyptian siege ring around the settlement had been broken by a "masterpiece of strategy."

Egyptian planes also strafed Jewish villages in Southern Palestine yesterday but there were no reports of casualties.

The communiqué said a twin-engine bomber was among the Egyptian planes raiding Tel-Aviv on Monday.

Previously no planes larger than fighter-bombers had been reported.

Hagannah claimed it routed a Syrian force on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee on Monday night forcing the Arabs to retreat in armoured cars. The fight was said to have taken place at Kfar Harib, east of Ein Gev.

Hagannah said its planes raided the Syrian town of Diq in the same area and also hit the important Syrian road centre of Qunetliya, 12 miles east of Lake Hule.

The Hagannah communiqué issued in Jerusalem today claimed satisfactory results this morning in the air bombing of United Press.

SHANGHAI STUDENTS' ANTI-USA CAMPAIGN GATHERING MOMENTUM

Shanghai, May 25. Police and garrison authorities today tightened up precautionary measures as the bitter anti-American campaign, centring on the United States policy of promoting the economic rehabilitation of Japan, which was started by Shanghai student organisations some days ago, gathered momentum.

British Close Haifa

Haifa, May 25. British authorities closed the Israeli port of Haifa today to incoming passenger traffic.

No official reason for the action was announced, but a British military source said "it might be because we do not want the Arabs to say Britain permitted Jews to use the port to bring in reinforcements for their army."

A spokesman for Israel said representations will be made to the British and added, "We are hopeful their attitude will relax."

The Jews control the city of Haifa but the port is being used as the evacuation port for British troops leaving the Holy Land.

Palestine Ceasefire Deadline Extension

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as the evacuation port for British troops leaving the Holy Land.

"The British say incoming passenger traffic interferes with their evacuation operation," said the Israeli spokesman.

About 1,150 Jews have entered Palestine through Haifa since Britain gave up the Palestine mandate on May 15.

All had British visas and were entered under quotas granted the Jewish Agency before the mandate ended.

One British source hinted the recent Marine Corp incident, also might have been a contributing factor in the decision to close the port.

Lebanese authorities took 60 Jews, including 41 Americans, off the Marine Corp last week at Beirut.

The closure order apparently ended the possibility that the Pan Arab and Pan Arab would bring Jews from detention camps on Cyprus to Haifa before the British "complete evacuation of their military forces."

Previously scheduled trips for the ships to carry 1,250 immigrants to Tel-Aviv have been cancelled, presumably because of harbour air raids.—Associated Press.

Bogota Shooting

Bogota, May 24. It was announced that Bernardo Restrepo Botero, President of the Colombian House of Representatives, and other Liberal Party leaders were shot and wounded—not seriously—last night by unidentified gunmen.—United Press.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN IN CANTON

Canton, May 25. Francis Cardinal Spellman and his party arrived in Canton at 7.05 p.m. this evening.

The delegation was met at the White Cloud airport by high officials of the Provincial and Municipal Governments, including members of the Catholic Church and foreign communities, including the Catholic Bishop of Canton, Mr. R.P. Ludden, the American Consul-General, M. Calvet, Portuguese Consul-General, Lt. Commander E.A. Buchanan, U.S. Naval Attaché, Mr. Elmer Newton, the American Information officer, and M.E. Miguel, Chancellor of the Portuguese Consulate.

The Cardinal and his party were entertained to dinner as guests of the Provincial Government. They are due to leave for Hong Kong tomorrow at noon.—Reuter.

OIL STRIKERS RESUME

The strike at the Tsun Wan oil installation of the Texas Co. (China), Ltd. ended yesterday morning when the 100 strikers resumed work following negotiations with the management at the Labour Office the day before.

The company agreed to reinstate two recently-discharged workers and to continue talks on one other discharged previously. The talks will be continued at the Labour Office this week-end.

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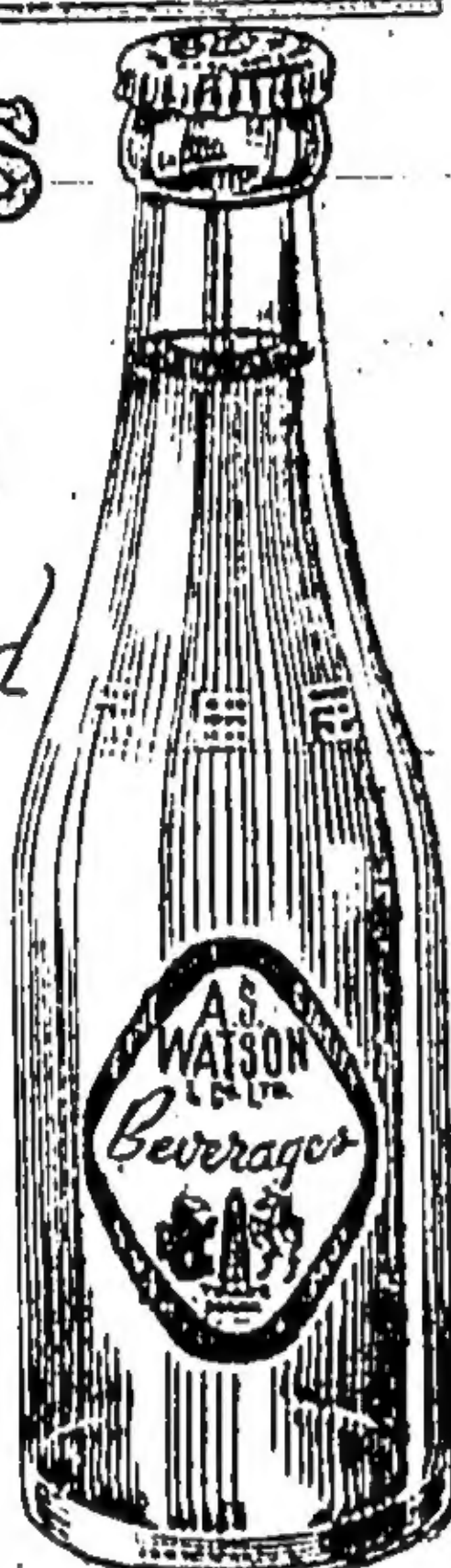
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WOOD MURDER TRIAL

ALLEGATIONS OF THIRD DEGREE

Evidence in the Wood murder trial yesterday at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams was confined to the statements of accused, which were alleged to have been extracted after beating up by the Police, and the Court will decide today as to their admissibility or otherwise.

First accused Lau Hoi and second accused Ho Cheuk-kul were in the box yesterday to tell the Court and jury how they were allegedly beaten up and made to sign blank sheets of paper as well as prepared statements without their contents being explained to them.

Allegations Denied
Third accused Li Chung-chun will go into the box this morning to testify how he came to tell the statements attributed to him. All three accused, who are charged with the murder of L. B. Wood, were arrested on February 11, 1946, and were taken to Kowloon Hospital for medical examination. Evidence of injuries was given by Dr. Frank King.

The prosecution is conducted by Mr. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Inspector Matches.

Det. Sgt. Tam Chung, recalled, denied in cross-examination the allegations made against him of beating up the accused.

Det. Kwok Heung-chuen, who resisted Tam, gave corroborative evidence.

First accused in the box told the Court that after a statement taken from him on his name, address and what he did for a living, he was made to sign on a blank sheet of paper while Det. Sgt. Tam Chung filled it out with the story of the part he was

alleged to have taken in the crime. He also signed a prepared statement without the contents being read out to him.

Jury's Interest

The jury took a keen interest in his story of the finger-squeezing torture and he was made to show to the jury his fingers and to demonstrate how the alleged squeezing and wrenching were conducted. After he was allegedly assaulted on the day of his arrest he made a report to Inspector Matches in the evening, and was taken to Kowloon Hospital for medical examination. Evidence of injuries was given by Dr. Frank King.

The statements were signed by him after the alleged beating and finger squeezing.

He alleged he was assaulted again the next day, but when he made a report to Inspector Matches on this occasion he was not believed.

Second accused, in the box, said he was assaulted so many times that he could not remember. He had to sign the statements to avoid further beating up.

Hearing was adjourned to 10 a.m. this morning.

British Legion Appeal

An appeal to all ex-Servicemen and women in Hong Kong to join the local branch of the British Legion was made at the recent Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong and China Branch.

The meeting stressed the heavy commitments now faced by the Legion in providing assistance for disabled and distressed ex-Servicemen personnel of two wars.

The following committee was elected for the ensuing year—

Mr. C. Blaker (Chairman); Mrs. I. M. S. Braude; Mrs. S. Grove; Messrs. F. J. Wakefield, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. W. L. Way, S. Fernando, R. E. H. Robinson, C. de S. Robertson, S. Grove, S. Maughan (Hon. Treasurer); M. B. Tighe (Hon. Secretary). Proposals for membership may be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer, c/o Percy Smith & Co., Hong Kong, or from the Hon. Secretary, 313 Marina House, Telephone 33093.

The Hong Kong group of Toc H is holding a "Beetle" Drive at 8.30 p.m. today to raise money for the Toc H Boys Club in Wanchai. The Drive will be held at Talbot House, 59 Macdonnell Road.

Readers' Letters

Blood Donors Wanted

Sir,—In Hong Kong the urgent need for an adequate scheme of blood transfusion cannot be overemphasized. In these enlightened days it is not necessary to dwell on the number of operations performed by the hospitals in the Colony which a Blood Transfusion is imperative to ensure success. At any moment any one of us could meet with an accident or experience illness and our life depend on a supply of blood being available. At a meeting of Toc H last week the members agreed to form the nucleus of a Blood Donors Team and are anxious to include all who are willing to join. We are assured by the medical profession and by those who have already given their blood that the process is painless and quite harmless. To organize a really efficient Blood Bank it is estimated that we need two hundred donors; they must, of course, be healthy and willing to attend a central place for a blood test so that it may be safe. The importance of such a service must be obvious to everyone. So many of us have little time or opportunity to do more than our daily work but in this scheme there is a way in which all can render a valuable contribution to the welfare of the community. All who are willing to join in this effort to save life are asked to communicate with the Hon. Secretary of Toc H, Talbot House, 59, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong.

J. R. STURAS.

Punter's Plea

Sir,—I read in my morning paper a few months ago how well and fairly the jockies at Happy Valley were treated. After attending the last five race meetings I can only say how disgusted I am with the way they are lined up and allowed to start. On one occasion the police lined up three times and because one of the jockies (being a novice) was unable to prevent his mount from cantering, our noble starter helped him with a line of swearing which could not have failed to reach the ears of the ladies who were lining the track next to the starting point. He then made them go on again and raised the barrier with two ponies not even facing the right way and one out of position. This happens to about seventy-five per cent of the races at Happy Valley and it is about time they got someone who has got the patience and can do the job properly.

This is the end of the racing season, and for goodness sake let there be a change before the next time. It is had enough for the jockies to have to carry a weight without then being put through the motions of the starting point.

A RACING ENTHUSIAST.

Water Restrictions

Sir,—It would be interesting to know the result of the water saved by the restriction at present in force. Judging by the large amount of waste going on in the Colony, one should think that the restriction might as well as be lifted. I would suggest that the water authority is aware of the hundreds of taps that are gushing water merely away to waste at 6.30 a.m. daily, due to being left open the night before, either inadvertently or through carelessness. I could count at least 40 taps under such conditions in my neighbourhood alone, and on one occasion to my surprise it happened in my very kitchen! My assumption of hundreds cannot be wrong, as my friends have expressed the same experience in their neighbourhoods.

What we need to save water is full public co-operation, who will use less or half the quantity of water they normally use, e.g. if one usually requires a basin-full of water, a half basin will do. A hose placed in a bucket, with a little water at the other end, will supply all the water required for floor washing.

The storage of a large quantity of water in tanks and cisterns and the use of indiscriminately is something that needs public enlightenment and should be condemned.

AQUARIUS.

Bus Hold-Ups

Sir,—The holdup of a public bus last Sunday off Castle Peak is the third one, I think, within a short time, and surely something must be done about it. The latest holdup was a bus specially run by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd., for the convenience of seafarers and we are not so mean as not to be thankful for this consideration. The trouble is, holdups are being committed by a small number of persons, who are using the bus to come to some sort of arrangement with the Police authorities whereby future attempts may be frustrated and by devising ways and means to give more measure of protection to the general public, not only along the Coast Road but also along the routes of buses to Lai Chi Kok and Ngau Chi Wan (west of Kai Tak), where there are popular swimming facilities within the means of the not-so-well-off classes.

SEABATHER.

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BANK CLERKS' PLEA FOR MERCY

Three bank clerks, alleged to have defrauded the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank of \$50,000 and \$4,500, respectively, pleaded for mercy when they were committed for trial by Mr. F. X. d'Almada after the presentation of the Police case against them at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Defendants, all legally unrepresented, are Carlos Jacinto Pintos, 20, charged with forging a \$50,000 cheque purporting to be that of Messrs. Lo & Lo, drawn on the Mercantile Bank, Louis Francisco D'Azevedo, 20, charged with aiding and abetting, and Cheung Yuk-shat, alias Joseph Osman, charged with counselling and procuring Pintos to forge the cheque.

Pintos was additionally charged with forging on Dec. 27, 1947, a cheque of C. Carr for \$4,500 drawn on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and obtaining the money on the cheque. Cheung was also charged with aiding and abetting.

After Sub-Insp. T. Cushman had given his formal evidence, third defendant was committed by Mr. d'Almada, and hearing continued against the other two on the additional charge. Det. Sub-Insp. J. Waldron told the Court that this was another "very cleverly hatched fraud" which was possible only for "persons having an intimate knowledge of banking procedure generally and particularly at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank."

The cleverest part of the scheme was the mysterious disappearance of the cheque, which was never found, and the fraud only came to light when the first charges involving the Mercantile Bank and Messrs. Lo & Lo were made. DSI Waldron put G.A. Stewart, sub-accountant of the Bank, into the box. Stewart said that on Dec. 27, 1947, when the Bank Day Book was balanced a discrepancy of \$4,500 was found. A check revealed a cheque in the Cash Book for \$4,500, but no record had been made anywhere else. A prolonged search for the cheque proved fruitless.

Cash Book Entry

The entry in the Cash Book was made under the name of "Carr." Witness said that the Bank had two accounts under that name, and that both denied drawing such a sum.

The Bank suspected the discrepancy beforehand but waited until the end of the year for the routine balance when it was found that a cheque had been abstracted. The appearance of the cheque in the Cash Book implied, witness said, that it was in existence at the time, and also that \$4,500 cash was paid out. Further inquiries revealed that the amount was paid out by Cheung on Dec. 27. Cheung was the paying-off of the Current Account Department. Witness then detailed the banking procedure regarding cashing of cheques.

According to the procedure relative to this cheque, it was handed to the Debit-Credit Shroff, who after checking and balancing found all cheques to be correct, and put them in the Cash Department. Second defendant's lists could not be found, witness said, on Dec. 29, and to his knowledge no other lists were missing. He declared that the Bank considered that the \$4,500 had been paid out by the shroff and that a cheque had actually existed and the signature must have looked like that of "Carr." as appeared in the Cash Book.

In his opinion, witness stated, the cheque must have been extracted from the pile of lists some time in the afternoon that day. Pintos was employed as a clerk in the Bank Draft Issue Department, and in that capacity would have access to the cheques. As a member of the staff he would be entitled to do so, witness added.

Business Heavy

During or after the sorting period Pintos might have had access to the cheques.

Business was extremely heavy between Dec. 27 and the first day after the Christmas holidays, witness concluded. The Debit-Credit Department, said that at the end of each working day the paying shroff would hand over to him the cheques which had been paid out.

He would then check up individual cheques against slips, and if any cheque was missing or unentered he would have noticed it. On Dec. 27 he received seven slips, and found them to tally. On Dec. 29 he discovered a discrepancy of \$4,500. The slip for that amount was given to him, witness declared, by Cheung.

F. E. Souza, of the Cash Department, corroborated. Pintos, before being committed for trial, told the Court that he was an only son and had a sister. He pleaded for mercy. Cheung, saying that he had five people to support, declared that he was the only son of his 60-year-old mother. His father was dead, and he had a 13-year-old sister. Besides them, he had to look after his wife and two children. He requested mercy.

Personalia

Alfred Nelson, of Seattle, veteran of more than 12 years in air transportation, has been named Pan American World Airways District Sales Manager in Shanghai, according to Harvey Hancock, Director of Traffic, Pacific-Alaska Division.

Nelson left for Shanghai on May 20. Before taking off, he said, "I am very happy to have this chance of serving the world's largest international airline. I believe the Pacific area is destined for record growth in importance."

He brings a wide background of service to his new position, and a distinguished record in the sales field. Nelson spent many years with United Air Lines, serving in every main Pacific Coast city from San Diego to Vancouver.

Nelson was born in the Mexican border town of Agua Prieta, which he left at the age of three. He attended the University of Arizona. He is married and has one son, age six.

In his new position Nelson will work closely with Robert Jose, PAA District Traffic Manager at Shanghai.

Peninsula departures:—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. K. Teller, Mr. and Mrs. Hans-Augustsson, Carl P. Rasmussen and Dr. V. P. Simola.

Peninsula departures:—C. K. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bender and Capt. and Mrs. Robinson.

Passengers travelling to Manila from Hong Kong on Monday by CPA aircraft included: Mrs. E. Farrell, Messrs. Roy Farrell, J. V. Ho, Peter Ling, F. Angelis, M. del Rosario, Ong Kok, Passengers arriving from Manila yesterday by CPA included: Messrs. Robert Dippy, Lok Tern, Chun Shi, T. Esteban, Lim Yu Lay.

Mr. Dhan Mukerji, newly-appointed Assistant Director of Traffic and Public Relations for the Pacific-Alaska Division of Pan American World Airways, is due to arrive in Hong Kong today for a short visit. Mr. Mukerji is at present carrying out a Pacific-wide tour of all Pan American stations. He previously arrived here a week ago when he spent a few days in the Colony before flying to Manila. Before taking up this appointment in February, Mr. Mukerji was Sales Supervisor of the Alaska Region of the Company and Asst. Manager of the Alaska Region operations.

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Convicted For Arms Possession

Convicted on the charge of possession of two revolvers and a hand-grenade, Leung Wai, Leung Sai-yui and Kwok Siu-man were sentenced to three years' hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

DSI W. G. Morrison told the Court that at 5.25 a.m. on May 11, first accused was seen by two Police constables at Woosung Street. They followed him and when he tried to enter a tenhouse they stopped and searched him. A fully loaded revolver was found in his right hand, and another four rounds of ammunition on his person.

As the result of information supplied by him, the Police kept observation at Nanking Street from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. that same night. Second and third defendants were searched but nothing was found.

They brought the Police to the alleyway where a fully loaded six-chambered .38 revolver was found on the top of a wall. At midnight, the second and third defendants took the Police to 503 Canton Road, third floor, where a Japanese-type hand-grenade was found in a crevice in the kitchen.

There was no doubt, said DSI Morrison, that the arms were intended for an armed robbery and that defendants were only awaiting a favourable opportunity to commit the crime.

ILLEGAL FLOUR EXPORT

Charged with exporting 500 bags of flour without a permit aboard the s.s. Grete Maersk on April 23, Ko Siu-hwa, 28, of No. 146, Connaught Road, Central, was fined \$250 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate yesterday.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, representing defendant, pleaded not guilty, on the ground that there was no "mens rea".

Revenue Officer Humphrey told the Court that defendant had 1,500 bags of flour aboard the s.s. Grete Maersk which left Hong Kong on April 23. A check of the manifests revealed that one permit covering 500 bags of flour had been cancelled, but that all the flour was shipped.

Mak Kum-hung, clerk-in-charge of the Export and Import Manifest Office, and A. H. Modar, assistant officer-in-charge of the Permit Office (S.T. & I.), gave corroborative formal evidence.

In mitigation, counsel said that the seller believed extremely badly, and did a "dirty thing" to his client.

RO Humphrey agreed with the Magistrate that the seller "played dirty" in this case.

On the evidence the Magistrate found defendant guilty.

Had Jimmy When Arrested

Sentences totalling two years' hard labour, and a recommendation for banishment, were passed by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when Mok Chung-chuen (21) pleaded guilty to the charges of attempted burglary and possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose.

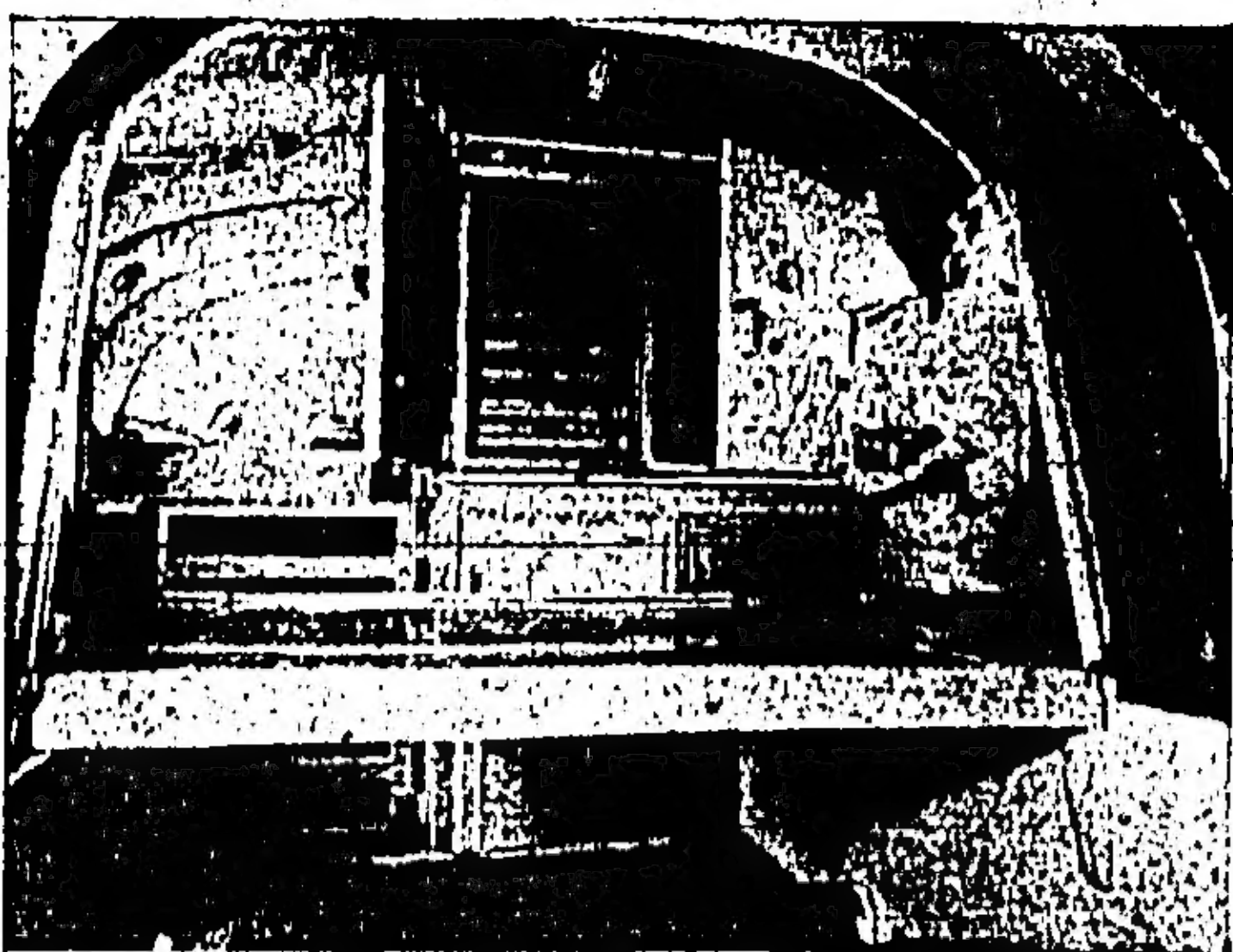
Accused asked for another two offences to be taken into consideration.

According to Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, Ma Fai, a shop-keeper of 124 Portland Street, ground floor, was awakened at 9 a.m. on May 22 and found his front door opened and defendant in the backyard.

When defendant was arrested by detectives after a chase he resisted strongly. On being searched, a jemmy and a screw-driver were found in his possession.

Accused also admitted to the Police to having broken into 360 Reclamation Street, ground floor, on May 15 and to having stolen money and clothing from So Yuman.

Hot Meals On High



The new British Solent Class Flying Boat which were put into service at the beginning of the month by BOAC on the U.K.-South Africa route, are installed with the latest de-freezing ovens. Prepared meals are "deep-frozen" until required, and then de-frozen in high temperature ovens also on board, ready for serving.

Health Week Article

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO STOP MALARIA

The subject presented on the third day of the Health Week Series is The Prevention of Malaria. Today almost everyone knows that Malaria is really made up of two words, Mal and aria meaning Bad Air. And today most people know that mosquitoes are the cause of this dreaded disease.

It became easy to prove that malaria was a preventable disease. Since the discovery that mosquitoes carried malaria from one person to another, the disease mortality has dropped to a fraction of its old rate; great tracts of land have been freed from the menace of the deadly killer.

Today in Hong Kong, due to the unceasing efforts of the Malaria Bureau and Health Staff, very few people use mosquito nets. However, in spite of this constant guardianship, mosquitoes are present, and fresh cases of malaria occur, some of whom inevitably die.

Water Hazard

Why should this be so? The complete answer would require much space. It is certain however that the co-operation of every understanding human being is wanted inasmuch as every drop of water left carelessly in the or kong, or pail, or uncovered tank; in the gutters which are blocked, or the newly dug pit, or small water hole; every one of those possibilities and numerous others all caused by human agency can be eliminated. Routine work by government health departments, attempts to the known mosquito breeding areas on the beaches, streams, nullahs and the various sources of water in the Colony. But less easy it is with-

out your cooperation to inspect every house and garden in the Colony.

That is your privilege and duty, for yourself and your neighbour. It is true that the breeding of mosquitoes is an offence, but the law cannot prevent malaria once it has happened, nor can it bring back a victim to life.

The life history of the mosquito is very simple. The female lays her eggs many hundreds in any collection of water, however small, and irrespective of whether it is clean or dirty. In a few days little wrigglers appear called larvae and these wriggle about in the water as they feed. In a few days they grow and become small brown bodies called pupae. From these in a few days appear the full fledged mosquito. Some of you know how particular certain mosquitoes are in their selection of breeding places. Experience has shown that any collection of water, great or small, may breed any type of mosquito, malarial or not. Be certain on one point—any unclean-for water is dangerous.

May Be You!

The newly-born female mosquito immediately seeks blood. In a city the human being is the natural selection. That human being may be you. In any country where malaria exists, there are

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People with malaria parasites in their blood and no air mosquito is infected. The parasite grows in the mosquito and when next she feeds the parasite is passed over to the bitten person. At the best a severe illness is likely; at the worst death is often the sequel.

It is the danger clear to you? The remedy for prevention is simple. Look to every drop of water lying about, turn every receptacle upside down if in the yard, empty all containers with water once a week or oil them. If you cannot trace the source of mosquito breeding, consult the Health Department and they will help you.

Remember: No Mosquito—No Malaria.

To many of you, experienced in the knowledge of tropical diseases, it may appear odd that only malaria is mentioned, and that yellow fever, filariasis and dengue fever have been neglected. But let us be practical—Malaria is here with us and as yet yellow fever at least is still far away. Greater still—there is the urge to banish the mosquito. If there are no mosquitoes, there is no danger of any these fell diseases claiming you as victim.

"God Never Fines People," But Magistrate Heeds Not

"In view of the prevalence of crime in Hong Kong I was just trying to exhort the people to refrain from committing them," a 24-year-old unemployed, who claimed to have given up wealth and family to be a "servant of Jesus and preach the Gospel" told the Court at Central yesterday when he appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada charged with contempt of court and giving false information to the police.

Leung Kwong-hon, who broke up court proceedings last week by posting a notice of "religious flapdoodle," pleaded guilty. Found guilty by the Magistrate, the youth, who told the Magistrate last week that his idea was to ask His Worship "to deal with people leniently—God never fines people like that," was fined \$20 or 10 days in prison in default. He was also ordered to be expelled.

Over-Religious

He was discharged on the second count.

"I am a servant of Jesus, and my work is to preach the Gospel," he cried. "I have refused pro-

perity which my father wanted to bequeath to me, and even his marriage offer."

Inspector H. Moran said that defendant was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital. He was found to be a little over-religious, but was not mentally deranged.

Mr. David Wong, reporter of the South China Morning Post, informed the Court that he saw defendant leave a gallery sent on May 20 and put up a notice on a side wall of the Court. Witness said he drew the attention of the Court Inspector.

The notice was written in English and Chinese, part of which read: "The King is God; Jesus is good. Woman is bad, widow and widower are worse."

Asked what he had to say, defendant replied: "I want to advise you all to believe in Christ. Do you believe in my God?"

Mr. d'Almada—"Do your preaching elsewhere, not in this Court."

Defendant turned round and addressed the gallery: "Friends, believe in Jesus!" raising both hands above his head.

Mr. d'Almada—"Behave yourself in Court." The youth asked the Magistrate. "It is just the same here."

Inspector Moran told the Court that police inquiries as a result of the false information charge revealed that defendant had "falsified" at Causeway Bay. Neither wished to take responsibility for their kinsman, because of his mental condition.

Because the defendant was found to be a defaulter, having only 10 cents, Insp. Moran added

PI Prewar Treasury Certificates

The Consulate of the Philippines announces that, in pursuance of a recent Act of the Congress of the Philippines, treasury certificates of the pre-war series issued by the Government of the Philippines will cease to be of legal tender after June 30, 1948.

Any person holding or possessing, in whatever capacity, treasury certificates of the pre-war series, must present the same on or before June 30, 1948, for exchange with treasury certificates of the Victory series, to the treasurer of any province, chartered city, or municipality, or to any bank duly authorized to do business in the Philippines.

that he would not press the second count.

Defendant Screams

Leung King-hong, elder brother of the defendant, said that according to his brother's behaviour in Court he appeared to be mentally sick, and he was not prepared to take any responsibility. He suggested that the youth be put in hospital for further examination and treatment.

He then went over to the youth and stroked his forehead, but was warned by Insp. Moran to stay away from defendant.

When told of his conviction, defendant screamed: "You're foolish! Why fine me? You're a brother to me! I have no money!"

"I have been very patient with you," Mr. d'Almada remarked. "You behaved very badly in Court. You are not a mental patient, and you are just taking advantage of it. I can do no more than to fine you \$20 or 10 days in prison."

Defendant was led away crying: "Why do I have to go to prison? What have I done?"



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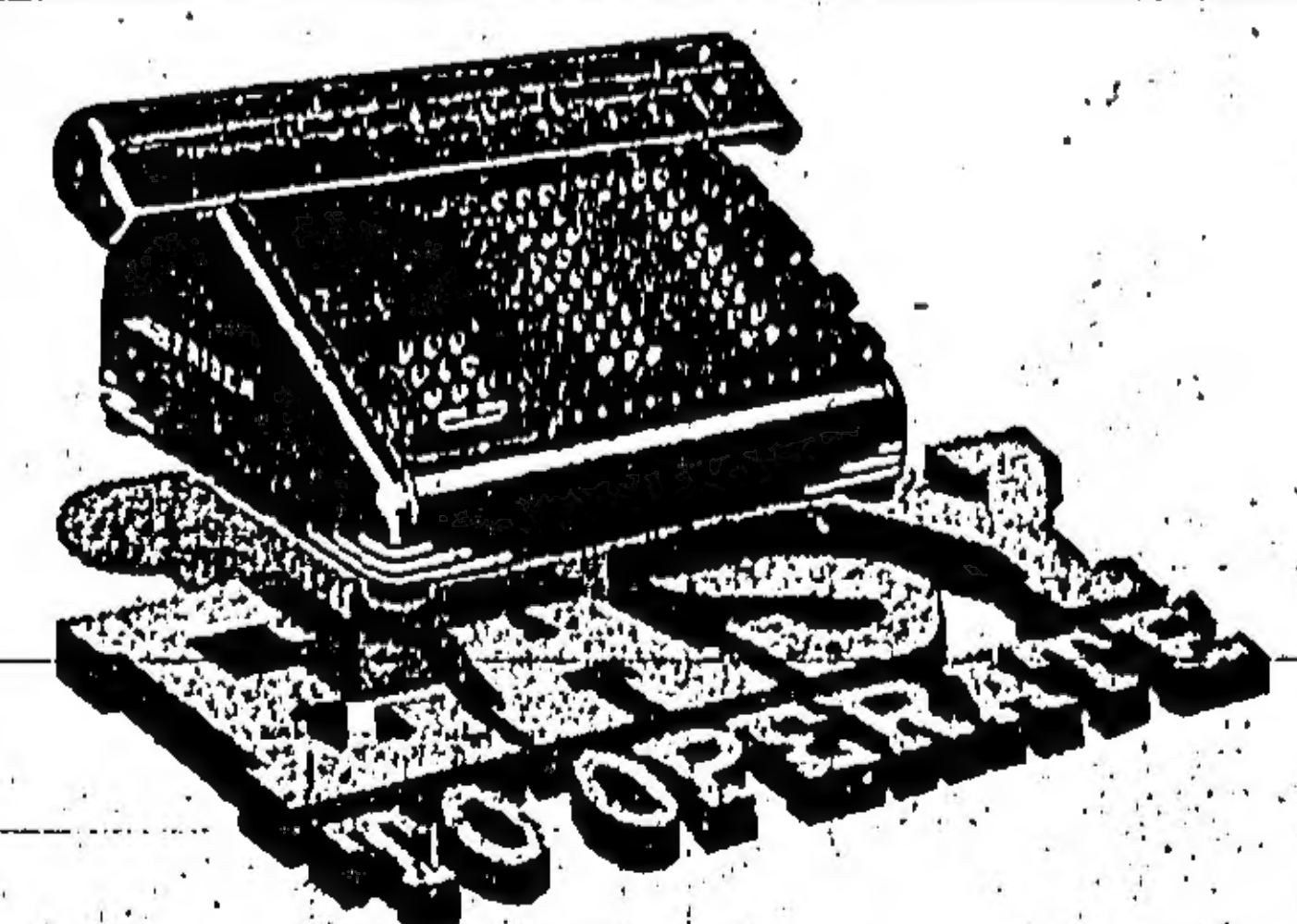
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Successful candidates will be required to serve for two years on probation during which time they will be required to pass a test in the Examinations, Royal Instructions, Standing Orders of Legislative Council, and on those General Orders and Colonial Regulations which deal with public business.

In addition, all those whose mother tongue is not Cantonese will be required to obtain the first two certificates in Cantonese before proceeding beyond the third step in the scale (Basic salary \$450), to which point, if necessary, confirmation to the permanent establishment may be deferred.

The initial basic salary scale of Grade II is \$400-\$800 per month and promotion to Grade I and to Senior Executive posts will be strictly by merit.

Candidates should apply to the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat on or before 4th June, 1948, for forms of application to enter the examination.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WATERWORKS OFFICE

Applications are invited by the Waterworks Office for appointment as Temporary Assistant Land Surveyors.

Applicants should be experienced in the making and plotting of surveys by tachymetric methods, levelling and setting out for new works.

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Waterworks Engineer, Waterworks Office, P.W.D., St. George's Bldg., 3rd floor, Chater Road.

V. KENNIF, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

MACHINE TOOLS

The Controller of Stores invites enquiries for the purchase of Machine Tools which are available for disposal.

Firms interested are requested to communicate with The Controller of Stores (Tel. No. 28979) Government Stores Department, North Point, not later than 31st May, 1948.

STAGE CLUB CASTING MEETING

There will be a Casting Meeting for a new Radio Play at 8.30 p.m. in King George's Hall at the Missions to Seamen on Wednesday, 26th May.

All interested are invited to attend.

HONG KONG SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL

On and after June 1st, 1948 the two Casework Centres formerly at the back of the Old City Hall and in the Sanitary Department's building at Morrison Street will be found at the NEW SOCIAL WELFARE BUILDING IN HOSPITAL ROAD (behind Sai Ying Pun Hospital).

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NOTICE PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at The Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY 27th May 1948, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st March, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 19th May to the 27th May 1948 both days inclusive during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON LTD. General Managers.

HONG KONG 8th May 1948.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

Application has been made to this Company to issue to Dr. RENATO EMILIO ALVARES of 5 Julia Avenue, 1st Floor, Homantin, Kowloon, duplicate Certificates for 5 Fully Paid-up and 10 \$5-Paid-up Shares in this Company—Certificate numbers and Distinctive numbers UNKNOWN—upon declaration that the original Certificates have been lost or mislaid. And Notice is hereby given that, if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof, the above Certificates be not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT, and NEW Certificates for the said Shares will be issued in their stead by the Company.

JOSEPH LESLIE QUIE Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1948.

NOTICE HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO. LTD.

Application has been made to this Company to issue to MRS. JASMINE CHAN, of 87 Cumberland Road, Kowloon, duplicate Certificates for 200 Ordinary Shares in this Company—Certificate numbers and Distinctive numbers UNKNOWN—upon declaration that the original Certificates have been lost or mislaid. And Notice is hereby given that, if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof, the above Certificates be not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT, and NEW Certificates for the said Shares will be issued in their stead by the Company.

JOSEPH LESLIE QUIE Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1948.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Thursday, 27th May, at 8.30 p.m.

Membership forms may be had on application to P.O. Box 1752, Kowloon.

It is requested that members should make every effort to attend this meeting.

By Order of the General Committee.

P. W. A. Wood, Hon. Secretary.

All residents, members or not, are cordially invited; but only members will be allowed to vote.

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As from 1st June 1948, the telephone numbers of the above Office will be: General Office 27322, 21223, 21224. Private Office 21225.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, at noon on Friday, 28th May, 1948, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, electing Directors and appointing Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st May, 1948, to 10th June, 1948, inclusive.

By Order of the Board, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1948.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books and Register of Shareholders will be closed as from 7th June to 19th June, 1948, both days inclusive.

Dividend warrants will be available for collection on and after 25th June, 1948.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. W. A. WOOD, Secretary & Chief Accountant.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED MONTHLY TICKETS

Monthly Ticket holders can travel on any tramcar and on any route during the month of issue; there are no restrictions on the number of journeys taken.

Tickets for the month of June may be obtained, as follows:

New tickets for passengers not holding a ticket for the present month can be obtained only at the Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on and after 31st May.

Existing tickets can be renewed at the Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on the 26th and 27th May and from 2nd June.

Tickets may also be renewed at Queen's Building, Connaught Road Entrance, near Star Ferry on 28th, 29th, 31st May and 1st June.

V. WALKER Acting General Manager 25th May, 1948.

NOTICE

Re: John Ferguson McGowan late Civil Servant of the Hong Kong Government, deceased.

It is proposed that the Official Administrator shall apply for administration of the estate of the above named deceased who died at Hong Kong on 9th Feb., 1948.

Persons having claims against the estate must submit details thereof by the 8th June, 1948, and by the same date any other information regarding the estate should be submitted to the undersigned.

C. P. D'Almeida e Castro, Acting Registrar, Supreme Court, Hong Kong.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1948.

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UNFILLED RICE NEEDS

Only Half Of Requirements

Washington, May 25. The International Emergency Food Council announced today the proposed rice allocations for 1948 for all claimant nations except those of Europe.

While the proposed division of the world export supply of rice is the Associated Press previously reported it, the council made these comments in publicizing its decision: The available export supply of 3,190,000 metric tons is above last year's supply of 2,210,000 tons, only 40 percent of the rice moving in world trade before the war. Meanwhile the population of South and East Asia had increased an average of about 10 million yearly for 10 years.

"These facts indicated the extent of unfilled rice needs in many deficit countries," the council said. "This is further underlined by the fact the stated requirements of rice-consuming areas totalled 6,110,100 tons in 1948. Thus the amount covered by the recommendations fall short almost 90 percent of meeting the requirement."

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

In the GOODS of Lionel Ernest Norwood RYAN of Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time of creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 19th day of June, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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Solicitors for the Executor of the Will of the abovenamed deceased.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, Hong Kong.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Nineteenth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on Thursday, the 27th day of May, 1948, at noon in the Board Room of the Company, FOURTH FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year ended 31st December 1947, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th May to the 27th May, 1948, both days inclusive.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1948.

By order of the Board.

S. GROVE Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road, Central, HONG KONG

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB

Reminder

Members' "Stag" Dinner

Saturday, 29th May at 8 p.m.

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Trader's Robbers Jailed

When Li Wing, travelling trader, went into a side lane on the night of March 24, two strangers followed him in. One pointed a revolver at him, and the other robbed him of a fountain pen and pencil, a wrist watch and a metal ring and a million dollars in C.N.C.

The two alleged robbers, Leung Kai and Chung Wai, faced the Police Judge, Mr. T. J. Gould, yesterday, and the former was sentenced to nine years and 12 strokes for armed robbery, with another four years for possession of arms, the two sentences to run concurrently. Second accused, who pleaded guilty, was given seven years and 12 strokes. He was said to have assisted the Police in their investigations.

Ng Kam-kul, wife of first accused, was acquitted on a charge of receiving stolen property. The metal ring and some pawn tickets were found in her possession. Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, conducted the prosecution. All three accused were not legally defended.

Unstamped Meat Charge

Two travelling traders, a married woman, and an 18-year-old girl, were fined \$500 (or six months' hard labour), each when they pleaded guilty to the possession of unstamped, and unwholesome, meat at the K.C.R. Station on May 24.

According to Inspector J. Oram, Sam Mui (38) and Tam Ha (18), travelling traders, Wu Chat (22) married woman, and Mak Wai (10) spinster, arrived by train at the K.C.R. at 11 p.m. on Monday. Their baskets were searched and the following respective quantities of meat found: 21 lbs., 36 lbs., 52 lbs., and 91 lbs.

As the meat was unstamped, it was sent to the Mataukok Slaughter House where the Officer-in-Charge certified it to be unwholesome.

Convicted on the charge of selling non-rated drinks at Shanghai Street at 8.50 p.m. on May 24, Wong Ling (33) was fined \$150 or six weeks' simple imprisonment by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. St. Howarth prosecuted.

Chan Fuk, and 15 other men appeared at the Central Magistrate yesterday on a charge of gambling with dice, at an unnumbered hut in Spring Garden Street on May 24th, at 9.20 a.m.

A further charge of operating a gambling school was also made against Chan.

Chan was sentenced to one month's hard labour, with the option of paying a fine of \$200. The gamblers were each fined \$20, or ten days' hard labour.

Inspector MacKenzie raided the school, and Inspector H. Brownrigg prosecuted.

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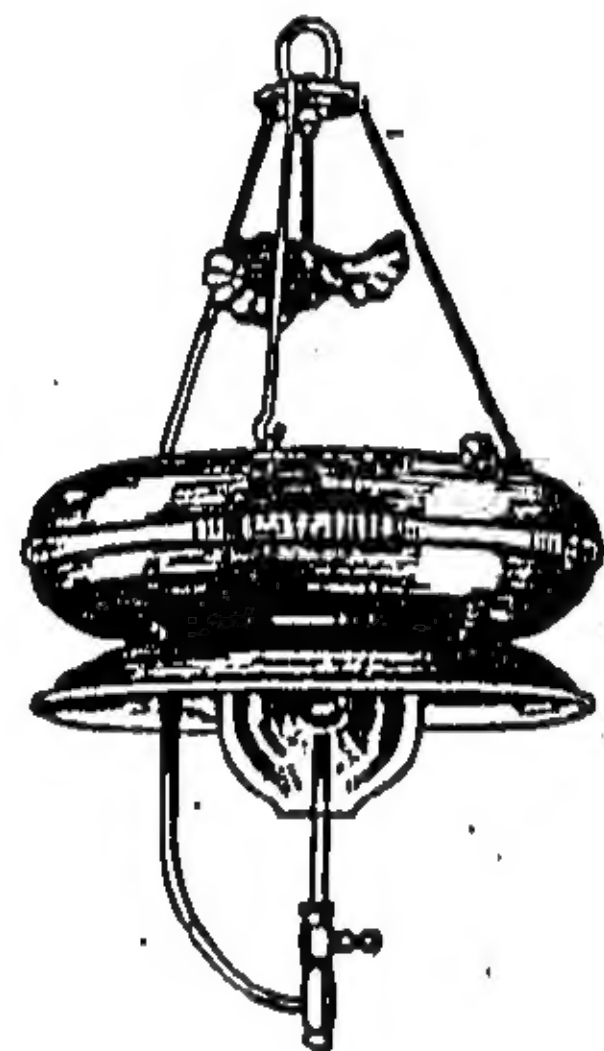
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SMUTS GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES ISRAEL

First In The Commonwealth

Severe Blow To British Policy

London, May 24.

South Africa today gave de facto recognition to the provisional Government of the Jewish State of Israel, thus becoming the first British Commonwealth Government to do so.

Marshal Jan Smuts, the Prime Minister, telegraphed South Africa's decision to Mr. Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of the State of Israel, in Tel Aviv.

Other states which have already recognised Israel include the United States, Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

In his message to Mr. Shertok, Marshal Smuts said "the Union Government expresses cordial good wishes to the State of Israel as fulfilment of the policy of the Jewish National Home in Palestine and as a contribution to historic justice and to world peace."

Marshal Smuts also said "the recognition is not in respect of any particular boundaries and the Union Government will be prepared to accord similar recognition to any Arab state in Palestine, either as a separate state, or incorporated into the neighbouring Arab states."

Blow To Britain

South Africa's decision to recognise Israel is a severe blow to the British Government's Palestine policy—already under fire in many quarters—political circles in London said today.

The South African decision has increased the isolation of the British delegation at Lake Success. The failure to recognise the Jewish state and the decision to stand by the military clauses of the 1947 UN Partition Plan, with Egypt, Iraq and Transjordan has already thrown Britain into opposition to the United States and the Soviet Union.

The South African recognition now means that on the critical issue of the future of the Middle East, Britain will also be taking a different line from one of the Dominions.

Not Informed

At the same time it must be expected to add new difficulties to the task of coordinating Commonwealth views on the Middle East and its problems—a job to be faced at the Commonwealth Conference now being planned.

Usually well-informed quarters believe Britain was not definitely informed in advance of South Africa's step.

Officials of the Commonwealth Relations Office and the Foreign Office were clearly embarrassed by the news and refused to comment beyond saying that the question of Palestine has been under constant review between Britain and the Dominions.

There was no sign here today that the other Dominions intended to follow South Africa's example.

In New York, meanwhile, Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, wife of the first President of the Jewish state, said that the Jews are ready to forget the past if Britain recognises the new Jewish state and stops helping its enemies.

With Sorrow

Mrs. Weizmann was addressing the annual convention of the District Grand Lodge No. 1 of the B'nai B'rith, the Jewish fraternity order.

Britain Nation Of Gamblers

Edinburgh, May 24.
Britain was described today as a nation of gamblers at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Professor J. Pitt Watson, in presenting a report of the committee on the church and nation, said that 80 per cent of the population gambled.

Professor Pitt Watson said that before the war, Britons spent £500,000,000 every year on races or in other forms of gambling. Since then, he said, the figure had almost doubled.

He also charged that the church was "seriously compromised" when a person divorced for adultery was able to get married in church just by shopping around for the right party. He urged that anybody divorced for any reason other than insanity should not be remarried in the church unless he accepted church discipline and signed a statement of repentance and adherence to the church's view of marriage.—United Press.

U.S. Opinion

Washington, May 24.

A United States official said today that South Africa's de facto recognition of Israel was expected to set an example for Australia and New Zealand to do the same, especially since those countries had approved the United Nations partition plan.

The official said the South African recognition showed that the British Commonwealth nations did not always act together.—United Press.

GROMYKO VETO BLOCKS COUNCIL MAJORITY

Lake Success, May 24.

Russia used her 24th and 25th vetoes tonight to bar a United Nations investigation into the February Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.

The vote in the Security Council on a Chilean proposal for the inquiry was 9-2. Russia and the Soviet Ukraine dissented and the Russian vote constituted a veto.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko shortly before had exercised another veto to block a Council majority. In the latter case it overruled eight delegates who maintained that the Chilean proposal was not subject to veto.

The two vetoes were the first used by Andrei Gromyko since he blocked Italy's admission to the UN on April 10.

Tonight's voting climaxed debate on the case which has been under hearing since March 17.

In filing the case, Chile demanded that the Council investigate Russia's role in the February grab of power by the Communists in Prague.

The vetoed proposal called for a three-nation group to hear witnesses and collect evidence.

U.S. Attack

US delegate Warren Austin took the floor after the voting assailed the use of the double veto.

"The United States does not recognise this as a precedent," Mr. Austin said.

"The veto in this case has attempted to prevent a presentation of facts to the world."

Mr. Austin said the Council should not let the matter rest. He suggested that Council members collect information and make statements to the Council.

He added the US was ready to follow this policy.

Under the principle adhered to here tonight, Russia would be empowered under any conditions to exercise a veto on a vote as to whether an issue was subject to the veto.

This question arises because the UN Charter provides that questions of substance are subject to the big power veto and questions of procedure are not.—Associated Press.

PLANE HITS CABLE

Faversham, May 24.

Two men were killed when a Miles Master plane hit an electric cable and crashed on the Margate London road near Faversham, in Kent, last night.—Reuter.

Traitor May Have Stolen Code

Washington, May 24.

The State Department may change the codes in its communications with the American Embassy in Moscow as a precautionary move after the detention of an American army sergeant there recently.

A spokesman of the State Department denies reports here that the sergeant, James McMillan, had left with details of a top secret code, or anything else, but "nevertheless, of course, we are taking necessary precautions."

Sergeant McMillan refused to return to America as "a protest against the anti-Soviet policies" of his Government. He was a teleprinter operator in the Embassy code room and had access to secret information.—Reuter.

Trade With Japan

No Compulsion On Philippines

Washington, May 24.

Officials today said that the United States had no intention of trying to force the Philippines to accept visits by Japanese traders if the Filipinos opposed this.

Commenting on Manila reports of "rumours that the United States is planning to bring Japanese carpet-baggers and traders" back to the Philippines, officials pointed out that the Japanese could under no conditions visit the islands unless the Philippine Government gave its approval.

General Douglas MacArthur has been empowered by the United States Government to make bilateral arrangements with any country willing to permit Japanese traders to visit it temporarily for purposes of restoring both the export and import trade of the former enemy.

General MacArthur was granted this power after the United States failed in the Far Eastern Commission to secure agreement to its proposal to permit Japanese students, businessmen and Government officials to visit foreign countries to re-establish pre-war contacts.

One of the strongest opponents of the American proposal in the Commission was Gen. Carlos Romulo, who was backed by the majority of the Commission.

To Own Interest?

Officials here said the Filipinos undoubtedly had more reason than almost any other nation to feel bitter toward the Japanese.

They added, however, that they hoped the Filipinos would permit some resumption of trade contacts in their own interest. They said this resumption need not take the form of exploitation or permitting the Japanese to gain ascendancy in domestic industries, but merely to arrange for exchange of products which might be mutually advantageous.

They said this could be closely controlled by the Philippine Government through its exercise of permission for Japanese to enter the country—and its decision as to how long any trader might stay.

Officials asserted that if the Philippines completely closed the door to the Japanese, this might react to the detriment of the Filipinos themselves.

India Example

They point out that other Far Eastern nations are proceeding with the re-establishment of trade contacts with the Japanese and expressed the opinion that limited action of this kind might be beneficial to Philippine economy.

They cited as example the Japanese trade mission which recently visited India and said that the Indian Government was now making arrangements to appoint a Trade Commissioner to Japan. They added that the Indians hoped both to secure some Japanese textiles and other products and to dispose of some cotton and other raw materials to Japan.

They cited also the Australian announcement that negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement between Japan and countries of the sterling area were expected to commence in Tokyo shortly.

The United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, British possessions in the Middle East, Malaya, Hong Kong and Fiji will be represented at the negotiations, and probably India, Pakistan, Ceylon and South Africa.—United Press.

ARAB POLITICAL MANOEUVRING

Cairo, May 24.

The full meaning of Azzam Pasha's recent statement that Haj Amin El Hussein, exiled Mufti of Jerusalem, is out of the present Palestine situation may not become apparent until the fighting is over.

Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, did not elaborate other than to indicate that the Mufti's presence in Cairo while the Arab army high command carries on in Amman suggests that he is on the side lines, at least during the military phase.

The Mufti's prestige undoubtedly suffered from the recent reverses of the Arab voluntary army under his old associate, Fawzi Kuwari, King Abdullah, who has been urged by the mayors of some Palestinian Arab towns to become their king, was quoted recently as criticising the Arab Higher Committee which Hussein leads.

Abdullah may have been preparing the way for a bid against the Mufti in post-war Palestine.

King Farouk of Egypt said before the Arab armies entered the Holy Land that Palestinian Arabs would be allowed to choose their own Government. Hussein called on Sunday on Ibrahim Abdul Hadi Pasha, chief of King Farouk's Cabinet. What they discussed was not disclosed. For the time being the Mufti is not talking for publication.—Associated Press.

Homage To RAF Ace

Rome, May 24.

Hundreds of Rome's Jews paid homage today to George "Burr" Beurling, Canadian fighter pilot, when funeral services were held at the Valdesi Protestant Church.

Jewish shops were closed in honour of the Montreal fighter who shot down more than 30 planes over Malta during the war.

Beurling was killed with another noted war flier, Leonard V. Cohen of Liverpool, when the plane they were to fly to Palestine crashed at Rome's airport.

A funeral service for Cohen was held last week and he was buried in Rome's Jewish Cemetery.—Associated Press.

Talks On Austria Suspended

London, May 24.

Mr. Samuel Reber of the United States, chairman of the Foreign Ministers Deputies, said tonight that the Big Four Austrian treaty talks had been suspended indefinitely.

Mr. Reber said Mr. Keith's appointment of Mr. Gerald Keith, counsellor of the United States Embassy, as liaison officer for exchange of information with the Secretariat or other representatives of other powers after his departure, probably next week.

Mr. Reber said Mr. Keith's appointment provided continuing machinery for the resumption of talks if and when Russia should give some indication that it would not insist on rectification of Austria's frontiers in favour of Yugoslavia and payment of reparations to Yugoslavia.

"I want to emphasize that this suspension is not a break," stated Mr. Reber. "It provides continuity for the calling of a new meeting with as little delay as possible, as soon as there is some indication of a real basis to go ahead."

The American representative said also that he had made his

arrangements to return to the United States after various efforts to get the Russians to change their minds had failed.—United Press.

U.S. Statement

Washington, May 24.

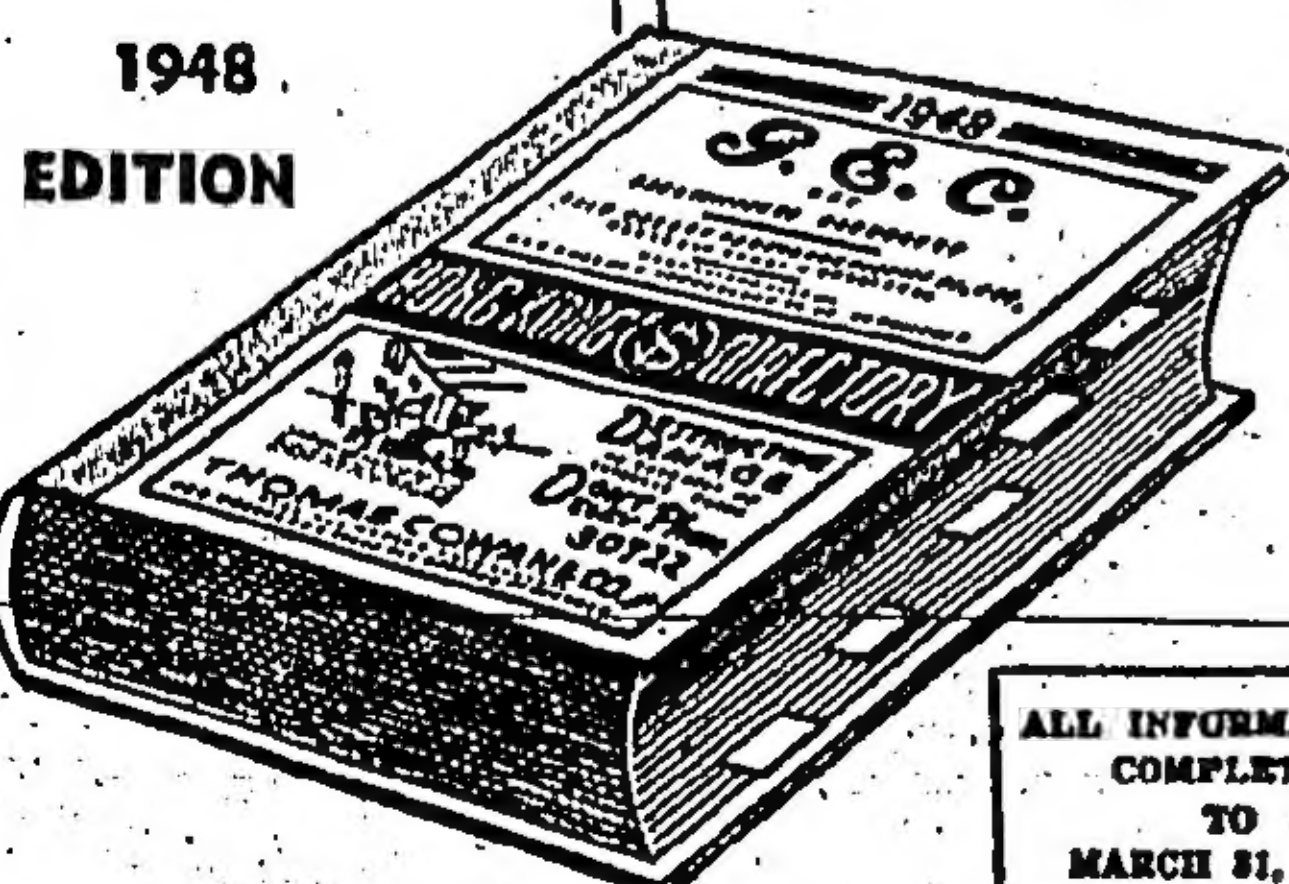
The United States Government today announced that it was not prepared to resume talks on the Austrian peace treaty until "there exists a justifiable basis for continued negotiations."

The announcement was made in a letter from Mr. Samuel Reber, United States Austrian Deputy to the peace talks and Secretary-General of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The letter specified "assurances concerning the maintenance of Austria's 1937 frontier and the principles of no reparations" as the chief factors which the United States would look for before agreeing to a resumption of negotiations.—Reuter.

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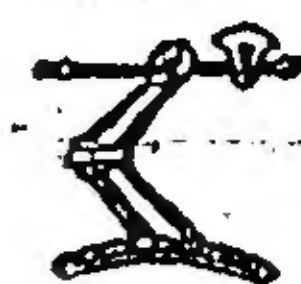
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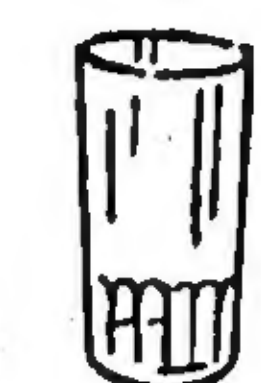
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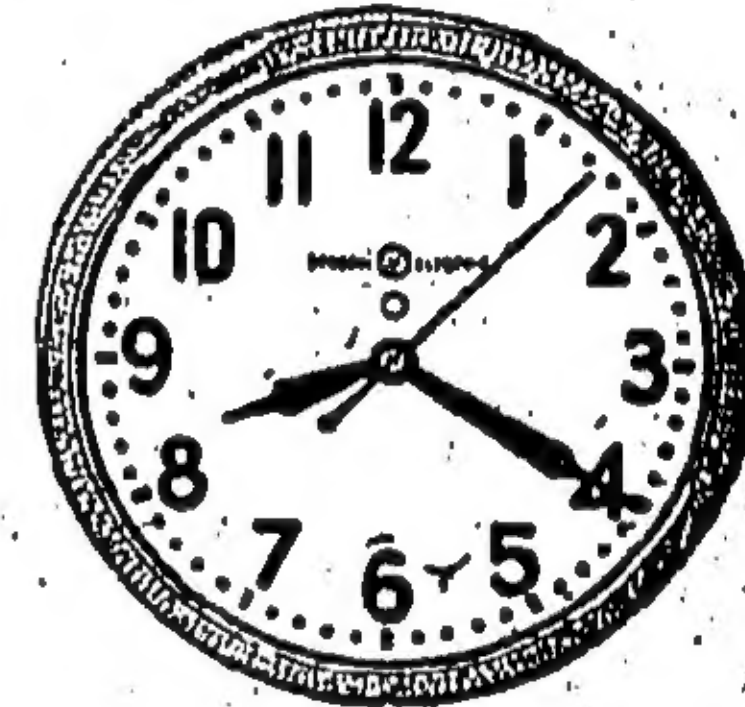
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CEASE FIRE DEADLINE EXTENSION

Arabs Given To To-Day To Answer U. N. Query
Britain Urges Acceptance:
Reluctance In Cairo

Lake Success, May 24.

The Security Council tonight gave the Arabs until Wednesday at 1700 GMT to accept or reject a cease fire order for Palestine. There was no opposition to the extension of the deadline for 48 hours.

Syria told the United Nations tonight the Arab countries wanted more time to consider the Security Council's cease fire appeal for Palestine.

Faris el Khoury, the Syrian delegate, said he did not think the Arab reply would be ready before Wednesday afternoon. The Council's cease fire deadline was at 5 p.m. GMT today.

Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan told the Council immediately: "I wish to support the request for delay."

El Khoury addressed the Council after delegates were advised by the Provisional Government of Israel that the Arabs had ignored the cease fire deadline.

Faris el Khoury told the Council that Arab leaders were meeting at Amman, Trans-Jordan, on Tuesday and that a decision would be sent here no later than 1700 GMT on Wednesday.

Council President Alexandre Parodi of France asked the representative of Israel to inform the Jews of the new deadline immediately to avoid any misunderstanding.

The Jews had accepted the original deadline of 1700 GMT today with the stipulation that the Arabs also must agree to it.

"Must Continue" Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of the Jewish Government, said Lebanese artillery had opened fire across the Palestine border half-an-hour after the deadline.

Israel had accepted the Council's appeal subject to similar action by the Arabs and it was assumed here from Shertok's despatch that the Jews were returning the fire.

An Arab League official in Cairo said: "The (Security) Council's cease fire order is surely an attempt to give the Jews time to strengthen themselves and receive foreign help. If this huge machine which the Arabs have set in motion is stopped it will never work so smoothly again. The Arabs therefore must continue their present course."

As a condition for compliance with the cease fire order, he said the Arabs will require expulsion from the Holy Land of members of the Jewish Army who do not have Palestine nationality.

Observers in Amman reported two reasons for Arab reluctance to order a cease fire—public demand in Arab countries for an initial decision in Palestine, and the possibility that Arab successes in Jerusalem would be nullified by a cessation of hostilities.

It was pointed out that a cease fire would leave Jaffa, the most important Arab port in Palestine, in Jewish hands. While the battle for Jerusalem continued, the Arab states are reported tonight to have agreed to abide by the cease-fire order on condition there should be a return to the May 15 status quo, according to authoritative reports from Washington.

Two and a half hours after the United Nations cease-fire for Palestine expired, a high Egyptian Government official told reporters "we are still in consultation over our reply which has not yet been delivered to the Security Council."

It was understood in London that Britain urged the Arab Governments to accept the cease-fire order, but supported the Arab stand that they should have time to review their situation.

Turning Point While the world was awaiting definite word on a cease-fire enforcement, Baghdad sources today regarded the Security Council's request for a truce as an attempt to delay the Arab armies while Jewish forces are given time to regroup and receive foreign military aid.

Arab military leaders also regarded the weak-end Egyptian and Transjordan military link-up outside embattled Jerusalem as a turning point in the Holy Land battles, and fore-

cast a push now towards Tel Aviv, capital of Israel, which was bombed again by two Arab planes today.

Egypt's decision on the cease-fire order was taken by a Foreign Ministry official in a special plane which left Cairo at noon.

Egyptian observers earlier hinted that the Arabs would reject the call, while Israel Government sources also believed the Arabs would not halt their fire.

More Troops In Baghdad the Iraqi Government decided to spend "unlimited amounts" on its army fighting in the Holy Land.

More Arab troops were moving toward the frontier, it was learned.

A report received in Cairo from the Arab Headquarters at Amman said that King Abdullah of Transjordan had declared he would not accept any truce "especially from the Security Council."

Yemenite forces, meanwhile, are heading for Egypt to take part in the Palestine fighting under Egyptian command, according to a report from Radio Cyprus.—Associated Press and Reuter.

U.K. MAY CHANGE ATTITUDE

London, May 24.

A high Government source indicated today that Britain will consider withdrawing her officers serving with the Arab Legion if Trans-Jordan ignores the United Nations' order to cease fire in Palestine by 5 p.m. (GMT) today.

Further shipments of arms to other Arab States, which reject the order, would also be suspended.

The Government of Israel has accepted the Security Council's peace call.

Direct British appeals to observe the order have been delivered to all the Arab States engaged in the Palestine war, a Foreign Office spokesman disclosed.

The spokesman said that Britain will support a joint Arab request—formulated today in Amman—asking the Security Council to extend the 30-hour time limit for a cease fire by another 30 hours.

"We are using our best endeavours to persuade the Arab States to agree to a cease fire," the spokesman added.

Extension of the time limit would give the Jews the opportunity to make it clear to the Security Council whether their acceptance of the cease fire includes Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern Gang acceptance, the spokesman said.

On Merits

Asked what would happen if the Arabs rejected the truce call, the spokesman said: "We will judge the situation on its merits if and when that happens."

But the Government source in touch with 10 Downing Street opinion emphasised that British delegations to the United Nations take precedence over her commitments to the Arabs.

British action that might follow an Arab refusal to cease firing will depend exclusively on whether Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and his advisers see such refusal as prejudicing Britain's rights and obligations under the U.N. Charter, the spokesman said.

His statement came a few hours after Mr. Bevin, for the second time in 48 hours, sought with U.S. Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas to iron out Anglo-American differences over Palestine.—Associated Press.

MANILA SALVAGE

Manila, May 24. A 22,000-ton Japanese tanker sunk by an American torpedo bomber on September 24, 1944 has been refloated from the muddy depth of Manila Bay after 17 days of salvage operations.

There are 80 to 90 more such wrecks in the Bay, awaiting salvage.—Reuter.

Dollars To Come Back?

Nanking, May 25.

Old Chinese silver dollars which were the legal tender before China adopted a managed monetary system in 1935, may be readmitted as legal currency again, according to the official organ, Central Daily News, today.

Silver dollars, known as "yuan," were withdrawn from circulation on nationalisation of silver in 1935. Some of these silver dollars, which previously were hoarded, are now being put into circulation voluntarily, mostly in north-western and south-western China.

The Central Daily News said government may fix a rate of exchange between silver dollars and the present faip paper currency.—United Press.

CAIRO TALKS

Cairo, May 24.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ahmed Khashaba Pasha, received Sir Ronald Campbell, British Ambassador, and Pinkney Tuck, United States Ambassador, this morning.

Tuck did not commit himself to reporters following the meeting. Sir Ronald Campbell said "We discussed current affairs and they are many."—Associated Press.

Winston In Accident

Westerham, May 24. Mr. Winston Churchill escaped injury on Saturday when a jeep in which he was touring the area of the hasty fire that broke out near his home here, overturned on a rough track and bogged down. The vehicle was righted by firemen, but Mr. Churchill continued the inspection on foot.—Reuter.

JAP MISSION

New Delhi, May 24.

A six-man Japanese trade mission touring India plans to leave Bombay tomorrow for Karachi, Pakistan, a Commerce Ministry official said today. The mission will return to New Delhi on June 10.—Associated Press.

US MAY MAKE NEW DEMAND

Washington, May 24.

The State Department was reported today to be considering a new demand on Lebanon to free the 41 American citizens removed from a United States ship en route to Palestine.

Diplomatic authorities said this is among the steps under consideration following Lebanon's refusal on Sunday to release the group.

Forty-one Americans along with 28 other nationalities have been held in a concentration camp since they were taken from the Marine Corp on May 19.—Associated Press.

7 and leave Calcutta by plane for Tokyo on June 15.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN APPEAL TO ARABS

Washington, May 24.

The United States has appealed directly to the seven Arab nations to comply with the United Nations Security Council's cease-fire order in Palestine.

The State Department announced that American representatives have been directed by telegram to inform the Arab Governments that the United States is "gravely disturbed" at the course of developments in Palestine.

The instructions despatched on Sunday expressed the hope the Arabs would cooperate with United Nations' efforts to end the fighting.

Press officer Michael McDermott noted that the United States made the appeal on its own initiative and that the action followed representations on the Palestine issue to the Arab States and Jewish leaders.

McDermott confirmed that Ambassador Lewis Douglas had conferred over the week-end with Ernest Bevin on the Palestine question and it is "quite possible" they conferred again today, he said.

WRITER DEAD

Manila, May 24.

Jesus Balmori, the Philippines' leading veteran writer for Spanish periodicals, died here on Sunday after a lingering illness. He was 61 years old.—Reuter.

Ultimatum To S'pore Governor

Singapore, May 24.

The Rubber Workers Union today sent an ultimatum to Sir Franklin Gimson, Governor of Singapore, giving him three days to reply to a demand for the unconditional release of 40 workers.

The workers were arrested in a police raid on a local rubber factory yesterday for allegedly living illegally on the premises.

The Union, which claims nearly 8,000 members employed in 50 rubber factories, told the Governor it would call a strike if he did not reply.

The Union's letter said the arrests had shocked the people of Singapore, adding they were a "departure from the democratic tradition of Great Britain" and constituted repression of the trade union movement.—Reuter.

20 Shocks In New Zealand

Wellington, May 24.

Twenty earthquake shocks, most of them slight, were recorded in Wellington during a 24-hour period ending this morning, R. C. Hayes, acting Director of the Dominion Observatory, announced.

Hayes said the series of quakes which shook the northern part of South Island yesterday centred near Waiatu, a small town in Canterbury province, about 14 miles from Wellington. This New Zealand capital is located on the southern tip of North Island.

Considerable damage but no casualties were reported at Waiatu.—Associated Press.

WEIZMANN IN WASHINGTON

Washington, May 24.

Israel's President Chaim Weizmann arrived here today to confer with President Truman and other officials.

Dr. Weizmann was invited to stay at Blair House, which is the official guesthouse of the President.—United Press.

Demand For Metals

New York, May 23.

Copper, lead and zinc producers reported orders for June delivery were coming in at the same high rate as in previous months this year. Foreign demand for metals increased as dollar shortages eased. Mine output, gained in some areas but was unable to keep up with increased demand.

Quicksilver prices advanced on Friday US\$2 a flask to US\$17. US\$178.

The US House of Representatives' Public Lands Subcommittee approved a four year subsidy bill, providing payment of US\$80,000,000 a year to high cost producers of strategic metals and minerals. About two-thirds of this would go to copper, lead and zinc mines.

Copper prices held firm at 21 1/2 cents a pound, Connecticut Valley, 21 1/2 to 22 1/2 cents for foreign origin copper, New York.

Lead was firm at 17 1/2 cents New York and 16 1/2 cents a pound, Gulf of Mexico.

The House of Representatives approved and sent to the Senate a bill to suspend import duties on lead until June 30, 1949.

Zinc prices were firm at 12 cents, St. Louis and 12 1/2 cents, Gulf of Mexico. Special high-grade brought as much as 13 1/2 at Gulf ports.

Other prices unchanged during the week included: Tin, 94 cents a pound. Aluminum, 15 cents in ingots, 14 cents in pigs. Antimony, 26 1/2 cents a pound, New York, and 23 cents bulk, Laredo, Texas.

Nickel, 33 1/2 cents a pound. Platinum, US\$98 an ounce wholesale US\$101 retail. Tungsten ore—domestic, US\$30 a ton, Chinese, duty paid, US\$27-US\$28 nominal.—Associated Press.

NEWSPRINT CUTS PROTESTED

London, May 24.

Britain's newspaper publishers protested to Board of Trade President Harold Wilson today against possible further cuts next year in already shrunken newsprint imports.

The protest followed receipt of a letter from Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps indicating that Canadian and Newfoundland supplies might have to be cut to 30,000 tons in 1949.

Imports from those hard-currency areas were held to 100,000 tons for the current year.

The Newsprint Supply Company's Publishers' Group, that allocates whatever imports are permitted, argued that a further drastic cut "would be disastrous."

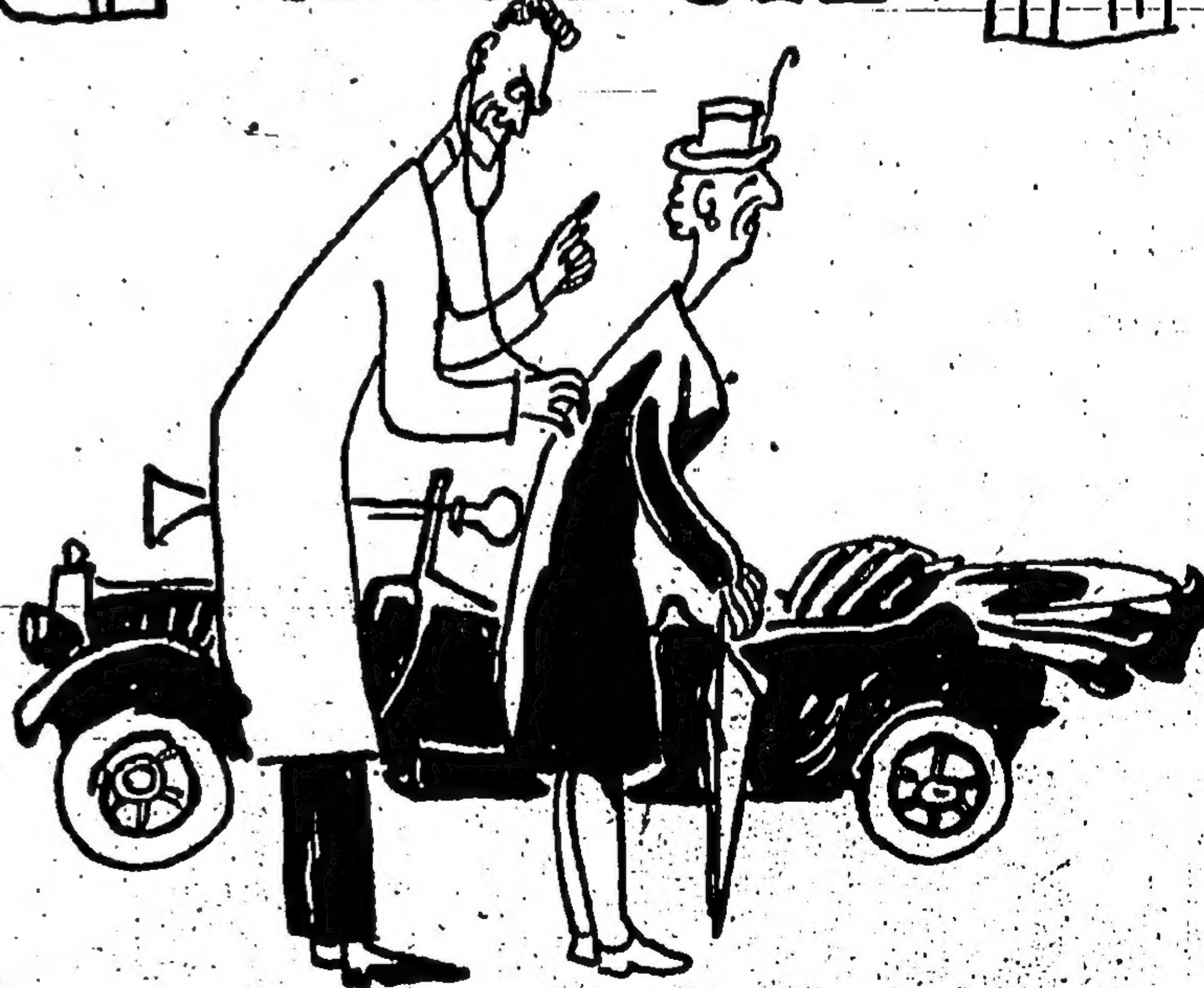
At best, the company maintained, it would mean the continuance of present sized four-page papers and pegged sales for several years more.

Wilson noted the company's arguments but said he could not anticipate a statement on the subject which he will make on Tuesday in the House of Commons.—Associated Press.

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MURDERS OF CHILDREN

Grim Find At Potter's Bar Golf Course

Fingerprint Test At Blackburn

London, May 24.

Scotland Yard fingerprint experts went to work today on a human arm believed to be from a young boy found in a water hazard on a London golf course, while other detectives searched fruitlessly for clues in the recent slayings of three other children.

The arm, hacked off crudely near the shoulder, was found by two boys hunting golf balls yesterday in a pond at Potter's Bar golf course.

A little later, the police found a human pelvis and sent the grisly remains to Dr. Donald Teare, Home Office pathologist, who said they were part of the body of a young boy.

Dr. Teare said the youth had been dead for probably three weeks.

Squads of detectives and police drained the two ponds at the golf course in search of further remains and clues.

At Blackburn, Lancashire, the entire male population volunteered to submit to fingerprinting in an attempt to solve the murder of four-year-old June Anne Devaney, who was snatched from her bed in Queen's Park Hospital and brutally killed nine days ago.

Mayor's Appeal

The Mayor of Blackburn, Mr. R. Sugden, appealed to the town's 30,000 men to forgo their legal rights and allow the police to take impressions of their left hand thumbs and forefingers.

Detectives will match the prints with those found on the window of the children's ward where June was staying and on a bottle which the murderer reportedly had picked up.

Still unsolved in the same area is the murder of 11-year-old John Quentin Smith, who was stabbed to death in broad daylight last month 200 yards from his home.

CHINA'S POSSIBILITIES

London, May 25.
A special correspondent of "The Times" describes, in an article, the China scene as witnessed from Nanking.

The correspondent writes dispassionately on the problems and difficulties but points out that even in the welter of disturbance arising from the civil war there are not wanting signs of the untold possibilities of China if only political stability could be achieved.

The writer illustrates the theme by recounting the achievements of the past two years by the Ministry of Communications. The Shanghai-Nanking railway is being run extremely efficiently. In the 10 months since the Civil Aeronautics Administration was set up there has been only one accident, and that not serious, on internal airlines. Efforts are now being made to establish an over-all air mail service.

In the progress China has made the correspondent sees an indication of what could be done if political handicaps could be overcome.

FAVOUR WFTU

Tokyo, May 25.
The Japanese National Congress of Industrial Unions—the nation's largest labour union with a total membership of 1,000,000—at an eleventh hour meeting, reversed its earlier decision to support a Government-sponsored request for Japan's admission into the International Labour Organisation.

In a statement issued yesterday, union leaders declared that there existed the danger of the ILO being utilised to break up the world labour front.

The Japanese National Congress of Industrial Unions would prefer to join the World Federation of Labour Unions, the statement added.—Reuter.

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NEXT CHANGE
"THE NIGHT HAS EYES"

A young playmate who was with John at the time also was stabbed and was wounded seriously, but was unable to furnish a satisfactory description of their male assailant.

Last Christmas, Eileen Lockhart, five, was attacked and murdered in London's East End. Her assailant has never been found. Some police circles are inclined to link the four cases insofar as all involved were children and the murders apparently had been committed by a sexual pervert.

The discovery of a bloodstained raincoat in a wooded area at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, sent Royal Engineers carrying—nine detectors and police with bloodhounds in search of a body today.

The raincoat was found nailed to the ground with pegs and containing a note which said, "I had to kill her. I don't know what made me do it. I buried the body."—United Press.

Foreign Property In Germany

Berlin, May 24.

Some 12,000 foreign-owned properties in Germany still are under American Military Government control chiefly because of the reluctance of the owners to resume duties of ownership, the Deputy Director of the Military Government Property Division announced today.

Approximately half of these properties have US owners and the rest belong to other countries, principally Britain, Holland, Switzerland, France and Sweden.

Only some 300 properties were released from their control during the past eight months and the Property Division soon will be compelled to set a deadline for the completion of de-control in spite of the owners' objections.

The principle reasons for the reluctance of owners to resume control are firstly, under Military Government control the owners are able to get convenient agents to handle their affairs. Secondly, difficulties of reaching an agreeable evaluation of the properties since many of them in 1931 were declared worthless for tax purposes, thirdly, on resuming control, the owner is to send in resident managers to Germany and they are unwilling to live on German economy, and fourthly, the owners have felt that when their property is "decontrolled" they would be gratuitously releasing legitimate claims against previous agents or personnel.

New Forms

The Military Government is making every effort to meet owner objections in order to speed up release of the properties.

The Military Government has now put into effect a new form of release permitting the property owners to specify certain claims which would not be released but would be available for future litigation if they so desire.

The other principal drawback is lack of facilities in Germany for an estimated 2,500 persons who would be sent in as resident managers. Such facilities will be made available as soon as possible.—United Press.

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WHEN SUIT PREFERENCE

ALL PLAYERS, even the best, have difficulty sometimes in deciding whether a rather high or rather low hand from their partner is intended as a suit-preference signal. It is not always utterly clear that his high card requests you to switch to the higher-ranking of certain side suits, such as hearts in preference to diamonds, or that his low card indicates a preference for lower-ranking of the side suits. Especially in the case of the low card, it is up to you to decide the issue on the basis of what you think he is probably trying to tell you.

S. K. J. 2
H. 4 3
D. 8 6
C. K. J. 10 9 6 5
S. 7 5
H. J. 10 5 2
D. A. Q. J 3
C. A. Q 2

S. A. Q. 10 4
H. A. Q. 9 7
D. 10 8 4
C. 7 4

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)
West—North—East—South
Pass—Pass—1 D—1 S
2 D—3 C—3 D—3 H
Pass—3 S

It required the nearest kind of touch-and-go defense to set that contract three tricks and thereby for not doubling. Three signals from one partner to the other were instrumental in taking that many tricks, seven all told. West led the best of his partner's suit, the diamond K, then repeated with the 7. When East took that with the J, he could

read that West had probably two lower diamonds, so was offering that as a suit-preference signal. That would mean a heart rather than a club. So he sent back the heart 7, on which South tried the Q, the K winning.

Now it was West's turn to wonder about his partner's lead. Why the 2 and not some higher card? Probably the lowest-ranking clubs were desired, so West returned the club 8. The Q won that, the A was laid down and then East pondered about West's 3 on the trick. That, he could tell, was no suit-preference but the completion of a down-and-out. He therefore returned the club 2. South discarded a diamond and West ruffed with the spade 3, for his side's sixth trick. South got tricks after the heart 8 return, with the A, a ruff of the 7 with the spade 2, the spade K, the spade J to the Q, the spade A and 10, then gave up the last with the heart 9 to the 10. Use of that 9 instead of the Q on the third trick would have saved one.

To-morrow's Problem
S. 8 6 4 10 4
H. A. Q. 10 4
D. K. Q. J 10
C. None

S. K. 5
H. 8 5 3
D. 4 2
C. J. 9 8 6
S. Q. 10 9
H. K. 9 2
D. A. 6
C. 10 3 2

S. A. J
H. J 7
D. 9 8 7 5 3
C. A. K. Q 7
(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

What should South play from dummy on the heart 8 opening to make a No Trump game?

Talks May Drag On

London, May 24.
The six-power talks here on Germany, originally scheduled to finish at the end of last week, may, under new arrangements, continue if necessary into next week.

The delegations met unexpectedly this afternoon. It was authoritatively learned.

They may meet again tomorrow, but no fresh plenary session seems in sight.—Reuter.

Earthquake Expert Dead

West Bromwich, May 24.
Mr. J. J. Shaw, leading seismologist, whose comments on recordings of earthquakes made his name known throughout the world, died here following the amputation of a leg.

He was 74 years old.
Mr. Shaw, who was originally an engineer, did not start his study of earthquakes until he was 34. Bent upon designing a better recording instrument than those then in use, he built his first seismograph with a tangle tin for a drum, a straw for a pointer, and an alarm clock as driving mechanism.
His work at the West Bromwich Observatory will be carried on by his son, Mr. H. V. Shaw.—Reuter.

BOAC PLANE FORCED TO LAND

Rangoon, May 24.

An American jet fighter fired warning shots across the bow of a British Overseas Airways flying boat near Okinawa, south of Japan, on Saturday, passengers arriving here reported today.

They said the aircraft, bound for Hong Kong from Japan, was forced to swerve 90 degrees off her course.
The captain of the flying boat reported the affair to the American ground staff at Okinawa and was told he must land for identification. He accepted the order and after a delay of one hour was permitted to resume his normal course.

A British Overseas Airways official said in London today that "we have received a report from Hong Kong—that one of our Plymouth flying boats was intercepted, apparently through some misunderstanding, by American fighters 60 miles northwest of Okinawa while on its way from Japan to Hong Kong and Britain."—Reuter.

Off Course?

Manila, May 25.
A 13th Air Force spokesman said here today that the BOAC plane apparently was off course.

"From looking at the map it is obvious the BOAC pilot was off course," he said. "What he was doing there we don't know. It is probable he had no clearance. In a case like that any unidentified plane would be investigated and then proceed."
From unofficial sources (it was learned that Okinawa was fully alerted some months ago with fighters conducting regular patrols.—Associated Press.

RADIO

2.30 p.m.—Morning Prayers. (Studio)
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—A Variety Programme of the Latest Records.

1.00 p.m.—Light Music from "The Wiseman Trio" from Wiseman Cafe.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—"From the Shows"

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Hour. "Deau Gette" by P.C. Wren. Episode II: "Flight into the Desert" (BBCS).

6.40 p.m.—"Wednesday Serenade."

6.50 p.m.—"It's in the Air" Variety Recital. Programme presented by Susan Howard (Studio).

6.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

6.15 p.m.—Health Week: "The Female of the Species" (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—"Paul Temple and Stars" by Francis Durbridge (BBCS). Episode 61: "Steve's Intuition".

9.00 p.m.—Classical (BBCS).

9.15 p.m.—"His Hour upon the Stage" Presented by Dr. Rand (Studio).

9.30 p.m.—A Vocal Recital by Joan Turville (Soprano) with Piano Accompaniment by Clara Stanfield (Studio).

9.45 p.m.—Mark Weber and His Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.30 p.m.—Cello Solo.

10.40 p.m.—Selections from Opera.

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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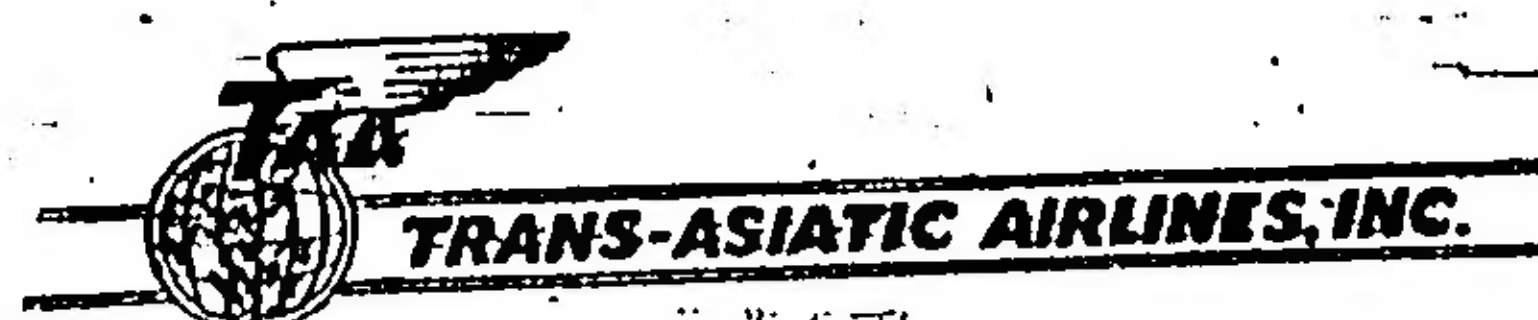
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ROBERTS-OLLERDESSEN.—Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Roberts of Shanghai, wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Gloria Claire, to Henry James, second son of Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Ollerdesse of Shanghai, on Thursday 27th May, 1948.
A reception will be held at 95 Robinson Road from 4 to 7 p.m.
No invitation will be sent but all relatives and friends are cordially invited.

DEATH

WONG.—The Management of the Amoy Canning Corporation Hong Kong, regrets to announce that Dr. F. S. Wong, late Chairman of the above-mentioned Company, passed away yesterday afternoon at his residence, No. 13 Leighton Hill Road, 1st floor. Deeply mourned by his widow, three sons and four daughters.

LORDS REFORM

The British all-Party conference on the reform of the composition and powers of the House of Lords has failed to produce the agreement that seemed possible a few months ago after the Government introduced their Bill simply to curtail further the powers of the House. Thus yet another attempt to find a logical solution of this long standing constitutional anomaly has come to naught.

The Government are certain to press through their Bill willy nilly and so be able to ensure the passage of any controversial measures they may have in mind (in particular the nationalisation of the iron and steel industry) up to a period of about six months before the next General Election has to be held. That is a result which the Conservatives, watching the electoral tide gradually turning in their favour, have been trying to prevent. Hence, the final disagreement after the gap between the parties had apparently been made so narrow.

The substantial measure of agreement reached by the conference provisionally on the composition of a reformed House of Lords may nevertheless turn out to be a remarkable step forward in the long evolution of the British constitution. The negotiators agreed as follows: First, that the Second Chamber should be complementary to the Lower House and, therefore, not elected. Secondly, that no Party should have a permanent majority in it. Thirdly, that heredity alone should no longer qualify for admission to the House of Lords. Fourthly, that future Lords of Parliament should be appointed for personal distinction or public service and could be either hereditary or life peers. Fifthly, women could be Lords of Parliament. On the question of powers, the conference failed to agree and so the whole position remains as it is until altered by the Government's present Bill.

The position now is that the Lords cannot challenge money Bills (this gives the Commons the whip hand in administration). Other Bills can be passed against the Lords' will if passed by the Commons in three sessions, lasting two years.

The present Bill (which the Lords are expected to resist to the last) proposes to reduce the above number of sessions from three to two and the interval between the introduction of a Bill in the first session and its passage by the Commons in the

The Thirty-Fifth Instalment
BID TO RESCUE NORWAY

were not sufficiently complete—however, one thing is certain: he missed the bus. This proved an ill-judged utterance. Its main assumption that we and the French were relatively stronger than at the beginning of the war was not reasonable. As has been previously explained, the Germans were now in the fourth year of vehement manufacture, whereas we were at a much earlier stage, probably comparable in fruitfulness to the second year.

Moreover, with every month that had passed, the German Army, now four years old, was becoming a mature and perfected weapon, and the former advantage of the French Army in training and cohesion was steadily passing away. The Prime Minister showed no premonition that

drawn up by the secretary in attendance and checked by the three Service Departments to make sure there were no discrepancies.

Thus we had arrived at those broad, happy uplands where everything is settled for the greatest good of the greatest number by the common sense of most, after the consultation of all. But in war of the kind we were now to feel the conditions were different. Alas, I must write it: the actual conflict had to be more like one ruffian bashing the other on the snout with a club, a hammer or something better.

All this is deplorable, and it is one of the many good reasons for avoiding war and having everything settled by agreement in a friendly manner, with full consideration for the rights of

The new Reynaud Government in France favoured Mr. Churchill's "Wilfred" plan for mining Norwegian territorial waters, but (like the Daladier Cabinet) still opposed "Royal Marine"—the scheme for mining the Rhine. Mr. Chamberlain, now inclined to aggressive action, suggested making one plan dependent on the acceptance of the other.

we were on the eve of great events, whereas it seemed almost certain to me that the land war was about to begin. Above all, the expression "Hitler missed the bus" was unlucky.

All lay in suspense. Complete immobility and silence reigned behind the German front. Suddenly, the passive or small-scale policy of the Allies was swept away by a cataclysm of violent surprises. We were to learn what total war means.

Lord Chatfield's office as Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence had become redundant, and on April 3 Mr. Chamberlain accepted his resignation, which he proffered freely. A statement was issued from No. 10, Downing-street that it was not proposed to fill the vacant post, but that arrangements were being made for the First Lord of the Admiralty, the senior Service Minister concerned, to preside over the "Military Co-ordination Committee."

Accordingly I took the chair at its meetings, which were held daily, and sometimes twice daily, from the 4th to 18th of April. I had, therefore, an exceptional measure of responsibility but no power of effective direction.

Among the other Service Ministers, who were also members of the War Cabinet, I was "first among equals." I had, however, no power to take or to enforce decisions. I had to carry with me both the Service Ministers and their professional Chiefs, and the various memoranda or aide-memoires which the Chiefs of Staff Committee issued.

If I wished to question any of these opinions, I could of course raise them in the first instance at my Co-ordinating Committee, where the Chiefs of Staff, supported by their Departmental Ministers whom they had usually carried along with them, were all present as individual members. There was a copious flow of polite conversation, at the end of which a tactful report was

confronted. The impact of the events about to be described was so violent and the conditions so chaotic that I soon perceived that only the authority of the Prime Minister could reign over the Military Co-ordination Committee.

Accordingly, on the 15th I requested Mr. Chamberlain to take the chair, and he presided at practically every one of our subsequent meetings during the campaign in Norway. He and I continued in close agreement, and he gave his supreme authority to the views which I expressed. I was most intimately involved in the conduct of the unhappy effort to rescue Norway when it

was already too late. The change in chairmanship was announced to Parliament by the Prime Minister in reply to a question as follows:

I have agreed at the request of the First Lord of the Admiralty to take the chair myself at the meetings of the Co-ordination Committee when matters of exceptional importance relating to the general conduct of the war are under discussion.

Loyalty and good will were forthcoming from all concerned. Nevertheless, both the Prime Minister and I were acutely conscious of the formlessness of our system, especially when in contact with the surprising course of events.

[On April 8, 1940, British destroyers laid a minefield off the coast of West Flott, the channel to the port of Narvik. German warships had already been seen on their way to Narvik, and Denmark was invaded the same day.]

That night German warships approached Oslo. The outer batteries opened fire. The Norwegian defending force consisted of a minelayer, the Olav Trygvason, and two minesweepers. After dawn two German minesweepers entered the mouth of the fjord to disembark troops in the neighbourhood of the shore batteries. One was sunk by the Olav Trygvason, but the German troops were landed and batteries taken.

The gallant minelayer, however, held off two German destroyers at the mouth of the fjord and damaged the cruiser Emden. An armed Norwegian whaler mounting a single gun also went into action at once and without special orders against the invaders. Her gun was smashed and the commander had both legs shot off. To avoid unnerving his men, he rolled himself overboard and died nobly.

The main German force, led by the heavy cruiser Blucher, now

entered the fjord, making for the narrow defended by the fortress of Oscarsborg. The Norwegian batteries opened, and two torpedoes fired from the shore at 500 yards scored a decisive strike. The Blucher sank rapidly, taking with her the senior officers of the German Administrative Staff and detachments of the Gestapo.

The other German ships, including the Luetzow, retired. The damaged Emden took no further part in the fighting at sea. Oslo was ultimately taken, not from the sea, but by troop-carrying airplanes and by landings in the fjord.

Hitler's plan immediately flashed into its full scope. German forces descended at Kristiansand, at Stavanger, and to the North at Bergen and Trondheim. At Bergen two German merchant ships had for some days lain alongside the quay, out of whose holds there now marched several hundred German troops with light artillery, who preceded by high officers, walked through the streets of the town, and, aided by numerous agents ashore, effected its bloodless domination. At numerous points in Southern and Central Norway variants of this manoeuvre were successful.

The most daring stroke was at Narvik. For a week supposedly empty German ore-ships returning to that port in the ordinary course had been moving up the corridor sanctified by Norwegian neutrality, filled with supplies and ammunition.

Ten German destroyers, each carrying 200 soldiers, and supported by the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, had left Kiel some days before, and reached Narvik early on the 9th. The lack of any local defence and the treachery of the Norwegian commander made its capture easy. It was a strategic key—forever to be denied us.

(To Be Continued)

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Sokolovsky To Consult Moscow

Berlin, May 24.

Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, Soviet Commander-in-Chief in Germany, will fly to Moscow with his principal advisers as soon as the results of the present six-power London talks on Germany are known, German political circles in close touch with the Russian Administration said today.

Marshal Sokolovsky is in constant touch with the Kremlin as day-to-day news of the London discussions is released, these circles said.

Informed Germans in touch with Russian opinion expect that a new wave of Soviet pressure in Berlin would be the inevitable result if the London talks communique, awaited at the end of this week, contains a clear indication that Western Germany is to be set up.

Such an indication, it was believed, would convince the Russians that any pretence of further four-power co-operation is impossible.

The Russians would as a result press ahead with plans for establishing a rival state in the East and take new steps to force the British, Americans and French to evacuate Berlin, which would then appear as the capital of a "German People's republic."

If the London meeting decided definitely to set up a West German state, it was believed that

the Russians will, for instance, request all commercial air traffic in the Berlin area to use Russian-controlled airfields.

The British and Americans would almost certainly refuse to comply.—Reuter.

GODSE IN DELHI

Bombay, May 24.

Nathuram Vinayak Godse, who is charged with Gandhi's assassination, was flown to Delhi today under a heavy police escort to stand trial, starting on May 26 at Red Fort.

Others charged with complicity and also flown in the same plane included V.D. Savarkar, Mandlari Kasmirli, Gopal Vinayak Godse, Narayan Duttayya, Vishnu Ramchandra Karkare, Digambar Ramchandra Badge, Sankar Kisthye and D.S. Parmare.—United Press.

BRITISH PLANES FOR EGYPT

London, May 24.

The Board of Trade tonight categorically denied press reports that Britain had refused or cancelled licences for the export of British planes, including jet fighters, to Egypt.

The report had created some excitement in Arab quarters in London, where it had been assumed that the report, if true, meant a repudiation of the earlier official British statement that military obligations under the British treaties with Egypt, Iraq and Trans-Jordan would be honoured unless and until they were declared illegal by the United Nations.

Britain is continuing to supply Egypt and the other Arab states with whom valid treaties of alliance are in existence with all the arms and equipment to which they are entitled under these treaties.

These arms represent the only British war material now reaching the Middle East, so that a decision to cancel export licences for aircraft, ordered by Egypt, could only mean a breach of the 1936 Treaty of Alliance.

Any such intention on the part of the British Government, except on the direct instructions of the United Nations, is considered here to be out of the question.—Reuter.

EMPIRE DAY ACCIDENTS

Sydney, May 24.

Sydney was tonight ringed by Empire Day bonfires, 60 of which got out of control and had to be fought by firemen.

No damage was done. Firemen took three hours to put out one fire. A girl was killed, meanwhile, when mixing explosives for the celebrations, and a youth was injured by fireworks exploding in his pocket.—Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"My friend seems to have fainted—I think we better take him inside and give him a steak, medium rare, with fried potatoes, coffee and apple pie!"



REGISTRY WEDDING—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bylandt after their wedding at the Supreme Court registry on May 15. Mrs. Bylandt was formerly Miss Irene Waldemar Artuh. (Francis Wu)



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CUTTING THE CAKE at the wedding of Mr. Lee Hin Se and Miss Wong Ye Ha. Miss Wong is a daughter of Mr. Wong Yu Ke, general manager of the Bank of Chung Nan, Hong Kong. (Francis Wu)



FOOTBALL CUP. Mr. H. K. Lee, acting Chairman of the H.K. Football Association, presenting the Senior Knock-out Schools' Football Competition cup to the captain of Queen's College, the winners. (China Mail)



"THE SPOILED PRINCESS" was staged at the Wah Yan College theatre recently. Here is a scene from the highly successful show. (Ming Yuen)



HONG KONG CELEBRATES THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK. Our picture shows the colourful scene in Wanchai while preparations were being made for the procession through the City in honour of the induction of Chiang Kai-shek as the first constitutionally-elected President of the Republic. (China Mail Photo)



A COCKTAIL PARTY in honour of Mr. M. J. Buckley, Senior Vice-President of the American President Lines was given at the Hong Kong Hotel last Thursday. Photo above shows Mr. J. Cahill and party. (China Mail Photo)



ANOTHER GROUP in the Jacobean Room last Thursday when the American President Lines entertained. On the right are Mr. T. B. Wilson and Mr. Alex Black. (China Mail Photo)

SHIPPING MAGNATES—Photo at left shows the Hon. D. F. Landale, Mr. M. J. Buckley, Mr. T. B. Wilson and Mr. S. T. Williamson at the A. P. L. cocktail party. (China Mail)



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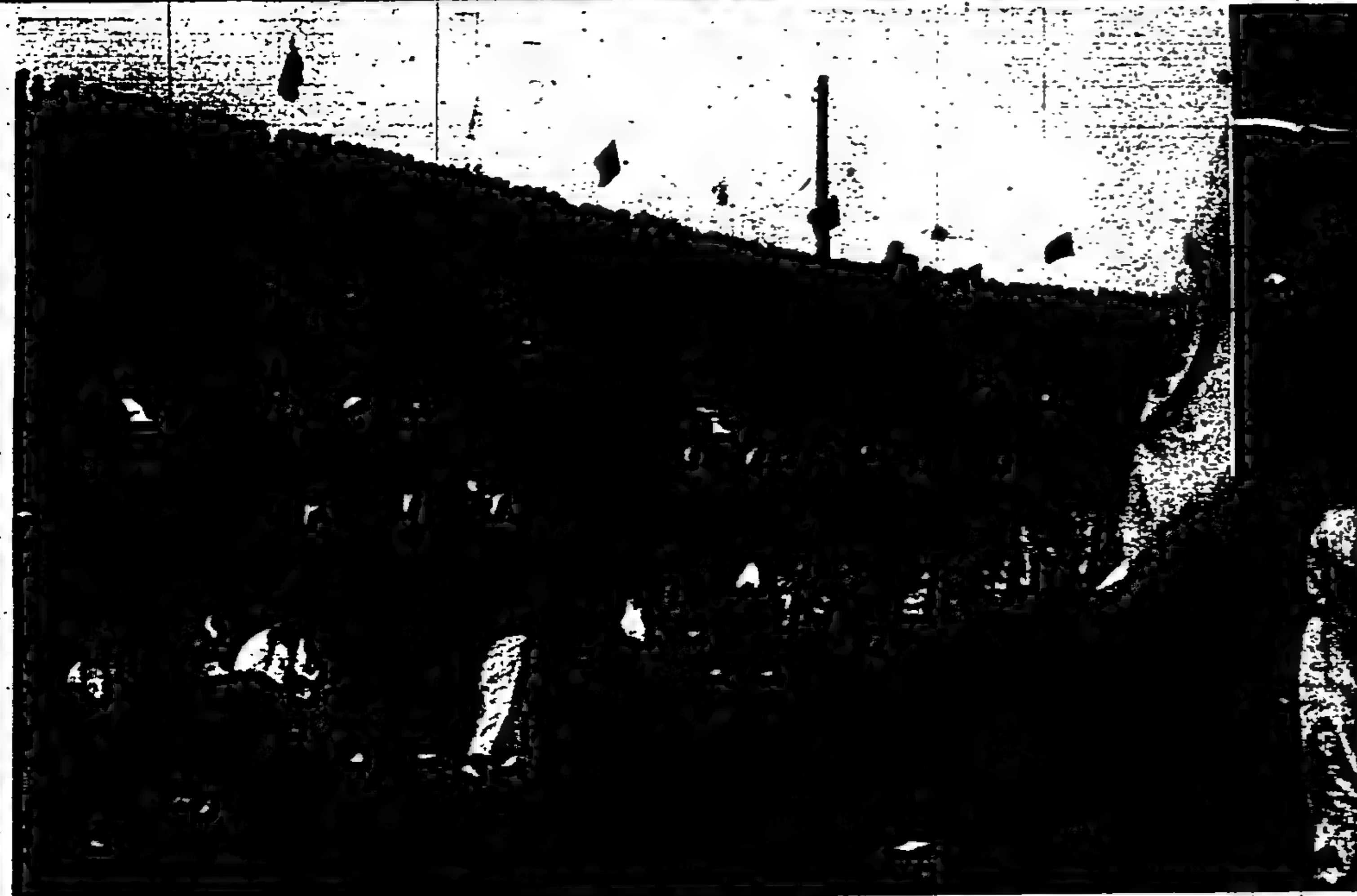


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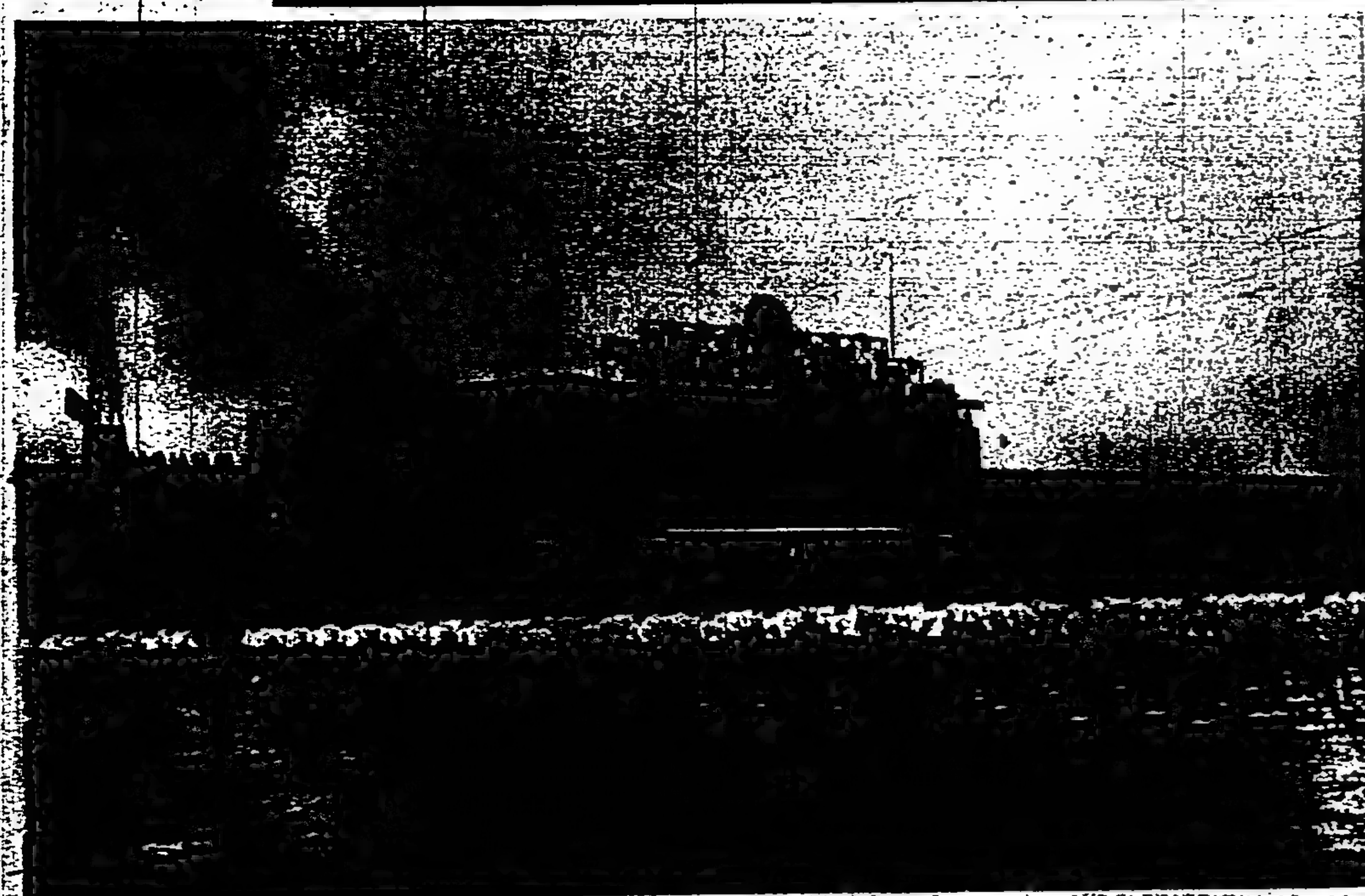
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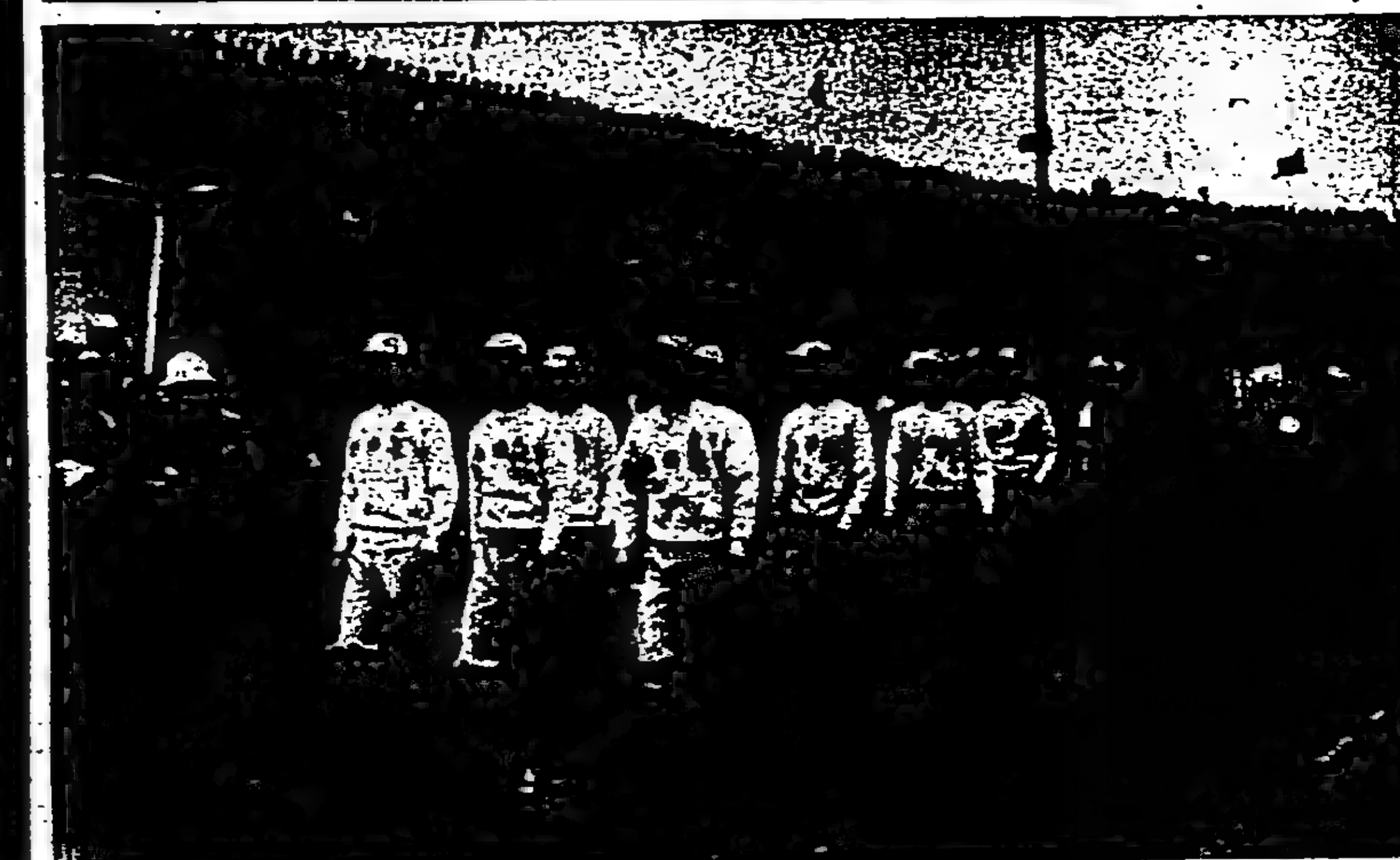


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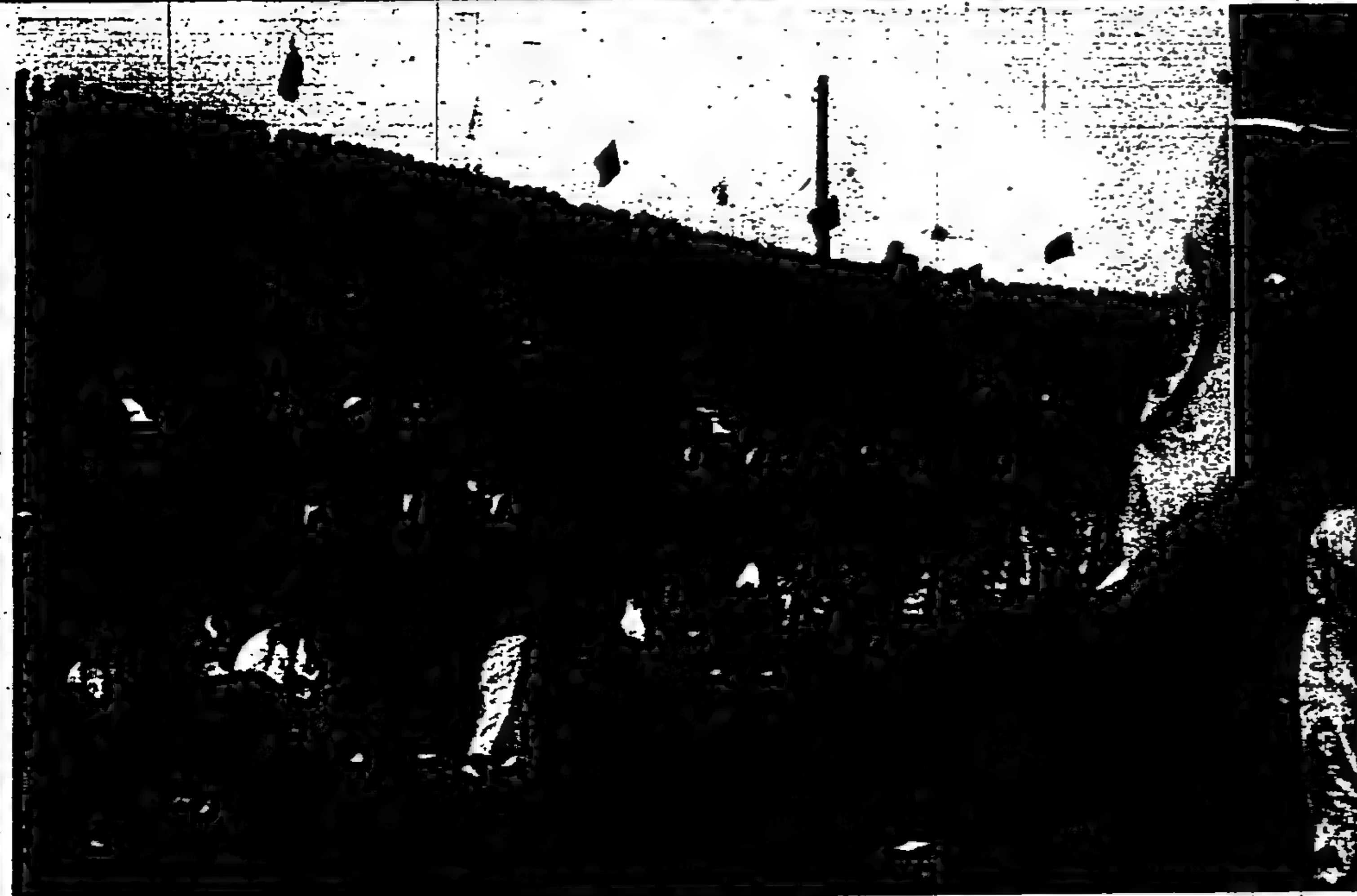


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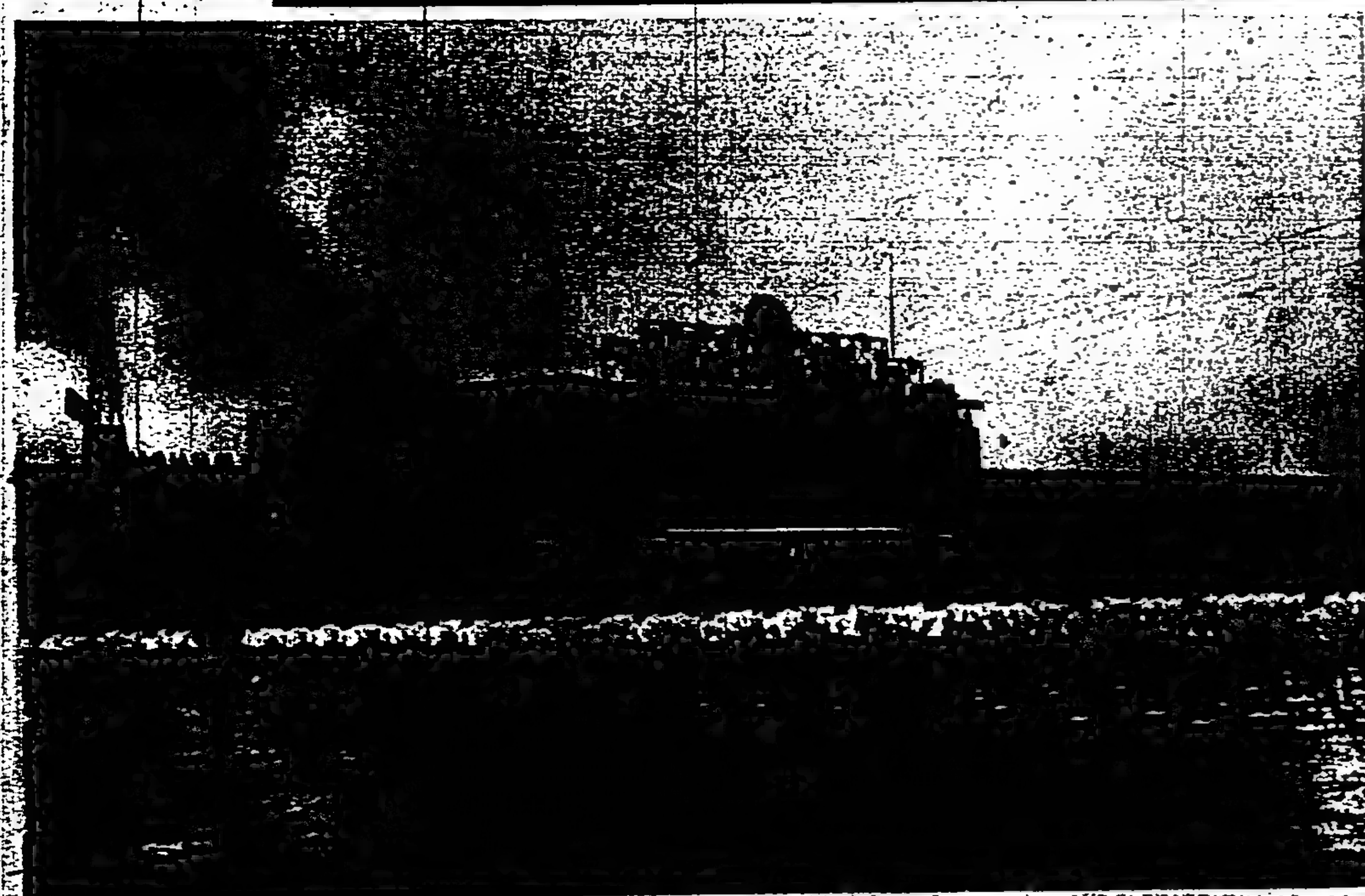
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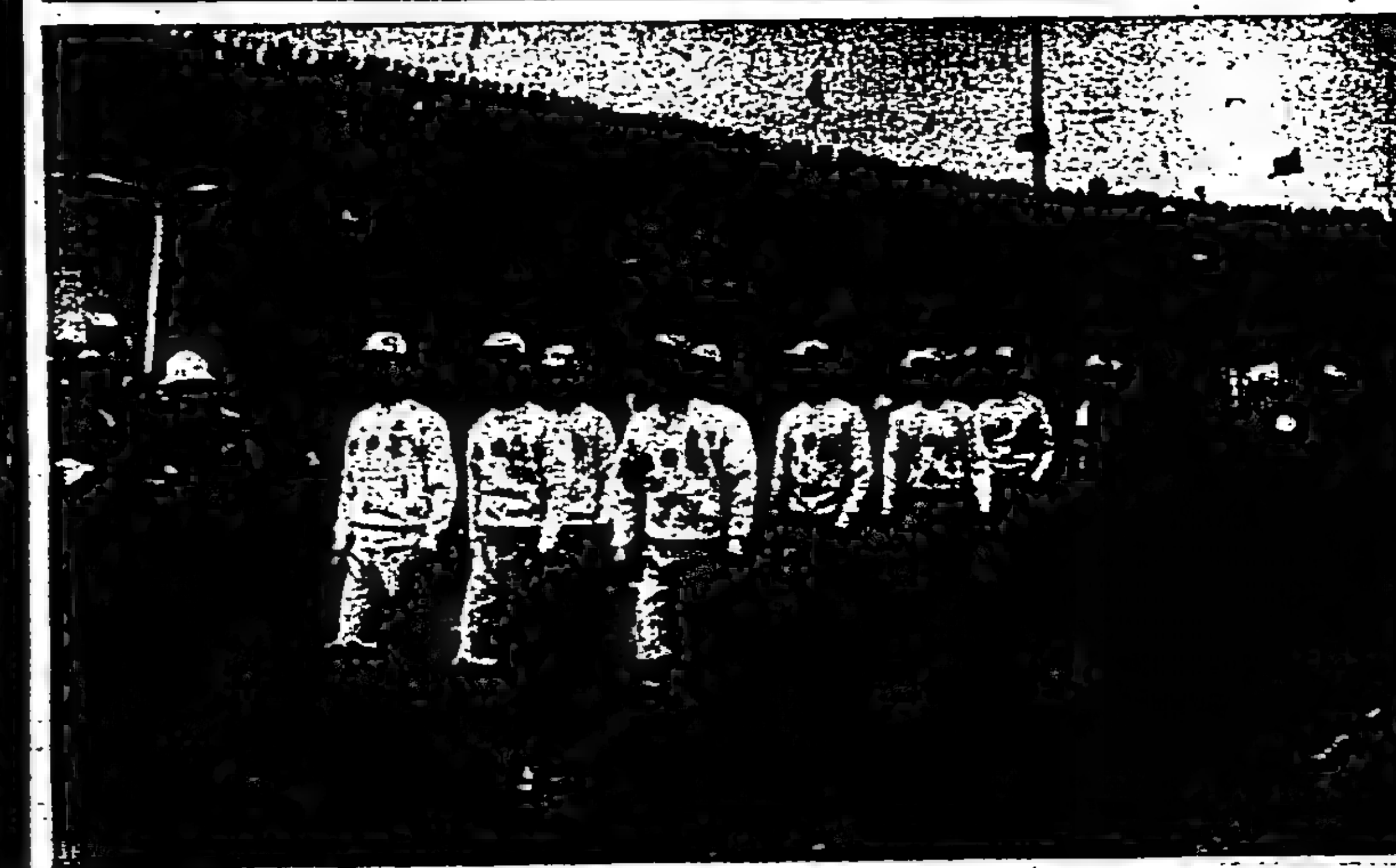
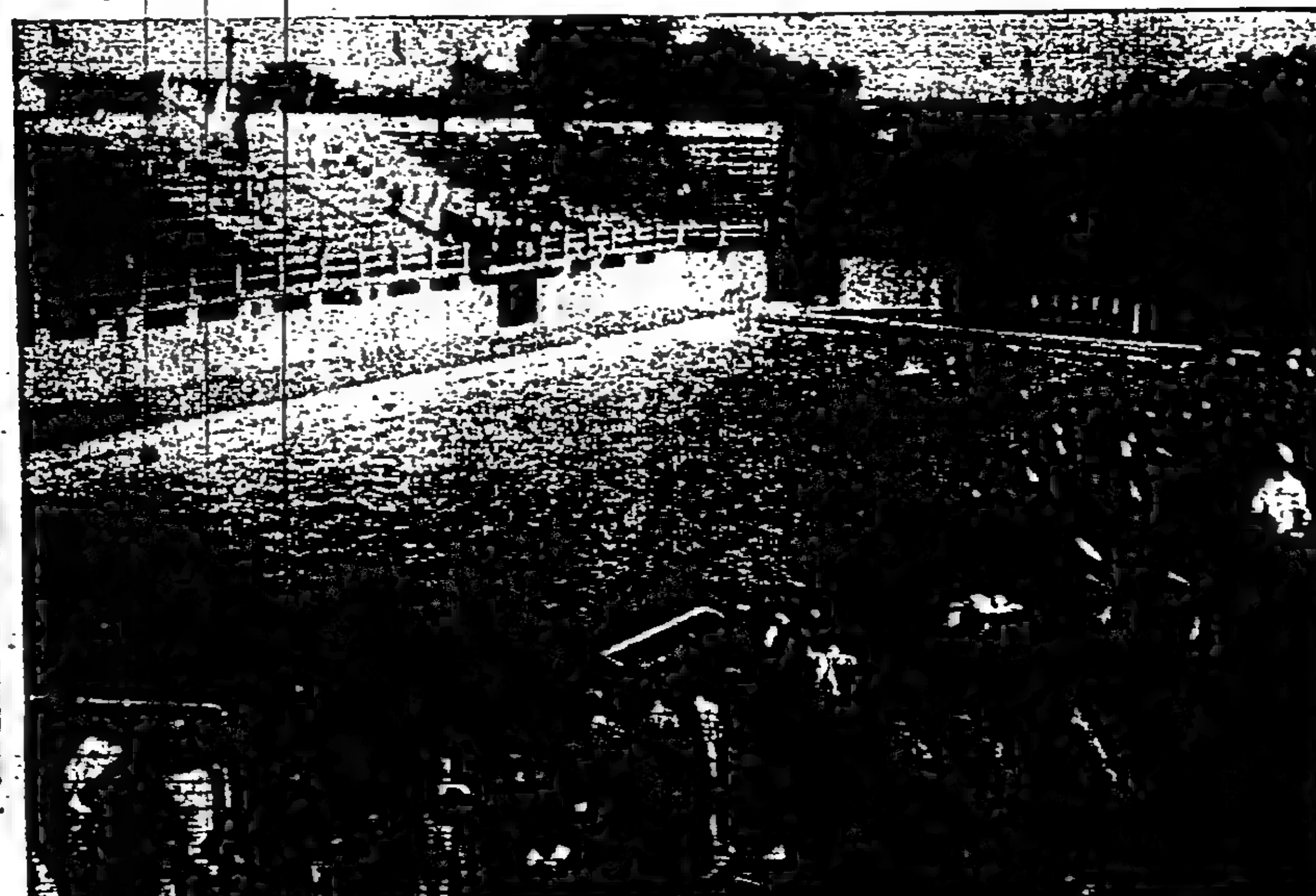
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CALL FOR ASIAN LEAGUE

Pakistan Criticism Of United Nations

Dominated By The Western Nations

Karachi, May 24.

A call for an Asian League of Nations was made in Pakistan's Parliament here today when members bitterly criticised the United Nations Organisation as being dominated by Western powers and directed against Asia.

The attack on the United Nations came in a 90-minute debate on a bill presented by the Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan to enable effect to be given by Pakistan to certain provisions of the United Nations Charter.

All eight members who spoke praised Sir Zafrullah Khan for his able handling of the Kashmir issue at the Security Council, but attacked the Council's anti-Pakistan attitude on the question.

Most members held that actions of the United Nations Organisation were not only directed against Pakistan and the Moslem world, but also against Asia.

A back-bencher from East Bengal described the United Nations as "an organisation of conspirators where injustice has been done to India in the South African dispute, to the Indonesian question and to the Palestine problem and the Kashmir issue."

Malik Firoz Khan Noon, who took part as delegate of the old Government of India at the San Francisco Conference, said that for the last six months Asiatic countries had looked to Lake

Success for justice "unsuccessfully and in vain."

Malik Firoz Khan Noon said all Asiatic countries were "wasting their time in the United Nations, which is dominated by Western powers who are not interested in Asia."

He hoped that in time to come Pakistan and India would create a "League of Nations for Asia," as the Western powers through the United Nations were retarding Asia's political and economic progress.

Object of the bill presented today is to enable the Pakistan Government to apply effectively measures the Security Council may call upon it to put into force under Article 41 of the Charter.

Gasperi Cabinet Sworn In

Rome, May 24.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi's revamped Cabinet, faced with the long-haul job of rebuilding Italy's shattered economy, was sworn in today before President Luigi Einaudi.

Six men, who were entering or re-entering the Cabinet, and four who have new assignments, swore to be faithful to the Republic, to observe constitutional loyalty, and to exercise their functions "in the supreme interest of the nation."

The Cabinet excludes Communists and their Left Wing Socialist allies.

Unless political divergences grow so sharp that President Einaudi exercises his constitutional right to dissolve Parliament the de Gasperi Government will remain in power for five years.

The new Cabinet will meet for the first time on Wednesday. Under-Secretaries will be chosen then and the Premier will submit the programme he expects to take before Parliament on Monday.—Associated Press.

DEATH FOR REDS

Madras, May 24.

The Government of India announced today the death penalty would be invoked against Communists who commit or attempt violence in the troubled Kistna and Malabar districts of Madras province, in Southern India.

Police were empowered to shoot to kill Communist trouble-makers.—Associated Press.

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"Fantastic" Broadcast

Baigon, May 24.

French officials today described as "fantastic" a Radio Milin (Nationalist) broadcast that the French were inspiring rumours of intervention against the Viet Minh in Indo-China.

The alleged rumours were that American, Chinese and Philippine troops would invade Indo-China while British troops moved into the south.—Reuter.

Sudan To Stay Out

Khartoum, May 25.

The Sudan will keep out of the Palestine campaign, it was officially stated here today.

A Liaison officer told a press conference that as the Sudan Government's policy was tied to Britain's and Egypt's, she did not recognise the state of Israel.

Consequently, she could not consider the situation in Palestine as being one of war.

The Governor-General, Sir Robert Howe, gave a similar reply to members of the Sudan Advisory Council, who had urged Sudanese participation in Palestine.—Reuter.

C-in-C Rebukes Critics

Shanghai, May 25.

Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, C-in-C, British Pacific Fleet, rebuked those who criticised his Government for "throwing the Empire away" in an Empire Day address yesterday before an international gathering.

"All they have done," he said, "was to fulfil honourably the promises of their predecessors," he declared, and added:

"The Empire was not founded by conquest, though wars were fought. It was founded by adventure, seeking religious freedom, riches, honest trade (these two are not always the same thing), or even just adventure."

"Never was the Empire linked together by anything but goodwill. It is our national characteristic to see the other man's point of view. Born of years of stable government, we have the ability to see the other side of the question."—Reuter.

WRITING ON THE WALL

Melbourne, May 24.

Mr. R. G. Casey, wartime British Minister Resident in the Middle East and President of the Australian Liberal Party, told a Liberal Party Empire Day rally here tonight that "Britain's people are now hungry and ill-clad and are suffering austerity measures Australians have not yet realised."

"There should be written up on every wall in the land: 'What can we do to help Britain?' Mr. Casey declared.

"Canada has given £1,000 million and made available £200 million in loans. Australia has given Australian £25 million (£20 million)—a mean, narrow book-keeping entry."—Reuter.

RED DELEGATES TO E.C.A.F.E.

London, May 24.

The Soviet delegation to the third session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, which is to begin in Madras shortly, arrived here today by air from Prague.

The delegation, which included two women, will continue its journey tomorrow.—Reuter.

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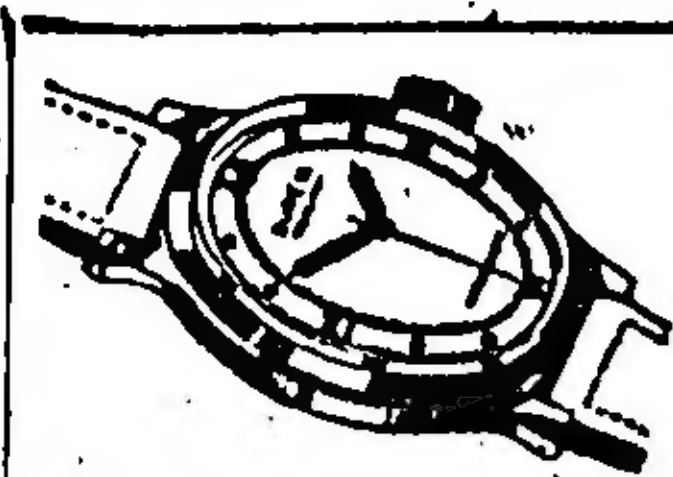
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MCC BEATEN BY INNINGS AND 158

London, May 25.

Dismissing the M.C.C. for 205 runs before lunch at Lords today, the Australians won by an innings and 158 runs.

After following on and losing one wicket for 27 runs yesterday, the M.C.C. fought an uphill battle today, resuming their batting and requiring 336 to avoid a defeat by an innings.

With 13 added, Edrich fell leg before to Toshack. Hutton and Compton aroused hopes of better things. Hutton, twice hit on the fingers when trying to turn Miller to leg, hooked and cut admirably, and Compton batted judiciously, but with 53 added in 40 minutes, the M.C.C. wicket collapsed. Compton hooked a short pitched delivery from Lindwall into the hands of long leg. Immediately, the left hand New Zealand Test batsman, brought off one of two good drives, but at 128 he jumped forward to hit Johnson, missed the ball and was trapped. In the next over, Johnson hooked Hutton off his pads, and half the wicket was out for 133.

Hutton gave only the one possible chance during a stay of two hours, and he hit ten fours. With his departure went all hope of the M.C.C. averting defeat, unless a threat of rain was fulfilled.

Uncertain Defense
Yardley and Cranston set themselves to a somewhat uneasy defence, and at 159 Cranston hit outside off back from Johnson. Yardley drove McCool for six and followed by taking a catch to point.

Although Young hit McCool for six and pulled Johnson for four, the last wickets fell for 218 runs, M.C.C. being all out in three hours and the Australians winning by an innings and 158 runs.

Australians: 1st innings 552, M.C.C. 1st innings 189.

M.C.C. 2ND INNINGS

Hutton, b. Ian Johnson 04
Robertson, c. Barnes, b. Miller 05
Edrich, b. b. Toshack 20
Compton, c. Ian Johnson, b. Lindwall 20

Donnelly, Stumped Tallon, b. Ian Johnson 16
Yardley, c. Cranston, b. McCool 24
Cranston, b. Ian Johnson 12
Deighton, b. McCool 5
Laker, c. Morris, b. McCool 4
Griffith, not out 10

Sum, Stumped Tallon, b. McCool 11
Extras 14

Total 205
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-40, 3-83, 4-128, 5-133, 6-159, 7-177, 8-187, 9-191, 10-205.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Lindwall 10 2 24 1
Miller 10 0 37 1
Toshack 15 2 43 1
Barnes 4 0 15 0
Ian Johnson 14 3 37 4
McCool 7 2 0 35 4

Byes 10, leg-byes 4.—Reuter.

Monday's Play

The M.C.C. were completely outplayed today when their match with the Australians was resumed. When stumps were drawn at the end of the second day's play, the M.C.C. had scored 27 runs for one wicket in the follow-on. They were dismissed for 189 in their innings after the Australians had put up 552.

When play was resumed this morning the tourists punished the M.C.C. bowling to add 146 runs, including ten sixes, and then dismissed Robertson and Edrich for 17 runs before lunch.

Nine of the sixes came off Laker's spin bowling, but Young, the slow left-arm bowler, commanded more respect in claiming three for 51 this morning.

Miller batted with delightful freedom until he was caught in attempting a big hit. His innings lasted four hours ten minutes and included three sixes and 20 fours, mainly strokes to the leg, or in front of the wicket. His sixth wicket partnership with Johnson realised 155 in 105 minutes.

Johnson, after on-driving Laker for his third six, was left before the next ball at 512. He batted for two hours and hit eight fours.

The Australian innings ended in a flurry of sixes, Lindwall getting four more off Laker, three of them in one over. The Australian total of 552 occupied seven hours 25 minutes.

After Lindwall had conceded 11 runs in his opening over, Miller got Robertson caught the first ball, and at the same time Hutton gave Barnes a difficult chance at "sautchie" point. At 17, Edrich lifted a rising ball into Tallon's hands. 15,000 saw the club batsmen struggling against bowling which received some assistance from the pitch. Hutton, who completed a meritorious 50 in 105 minutes, and Compton added 74 for the third wicket, after which Toshack, the left-arm spin bowler, caused a

Wallace Willing

Batem, Oregon, May 24.
Mr. Henry Wallace today said he would be willing to fly to Moscow if "the cause of peace could be served," but he denied having plans for such a flight or that he was angling for a Moscow visit.

Mr. Wallace said he believed there were no indications that a conference with Marshal Josef Stalin would serve the cause of peace.—United Press.

Palestine Police For Hong Kong

For the first time since his return from leave Mr. D. W. Macintosh, O.B.E., Commissioner of Police, yesterday met representatives of the press at the Public Relations Office.

The meeting was an informal one and to various questions put to him he said that the crime wave had increased to a certain extent in the New Territories, but in his opinion could not be considered as high.

Asked whether the police have completely vacated Lau Fau Shan he said "No," as there is still a station there with one European Officer and 20 men with a water police patrol in the vicinity for assistance if need be. He also said that the landfills have left that section and moved into Chinese territory again.

Answering a further question as to whether the European police contingent is ample at the present time, he replied that it was short of about 20. Twenty-seven are expected to be transferred from Palestine while the other three will come from England. When they arrive the European complement would be in its full strength.

The new Police Training School, which is expected to be ready by July this year, he said, will be situated at the back of Aberdeen, where recruits up to 240 could be housed with further accommodation for those taking refresher courses. The present school which is most inadequate is only capable of turning out about 100 recruits every three months.

Police inspectors, he said, are being trained a little longer and six months are required to complete their courses.

A date will be fixed in the near future when he will officially meet members of the press.

BOWLING FIXTURES

The following are today's and tomorrow's games:

(2ND DIVISION)
H.K.C.C. v I.R.C.
C.R.C. "C" v S.C.A.A. "B"
Recreio "B" v University
U.S.R.C. v C.C.C.
K.C.C. "B" v C.R.C. "A"

(3RD DIVISION)
U.S.R.C. v K.C.C. "A"
I.R.C. v C.R.C. "A"
S.C.A.A. v Recreio
K.C.C. "B" v H.K.C.C.
C.R.C. "B" v K.T.G.C.A.

The Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. will launch their first post-war vessel on Saturday at 11.30 a.m.

Jap "Operations" On US Airmen

Yokohama, May 25.
Experimental operations on captured Americans which included substituting sea water for blood and the removal of the stomach and liver were described by an eye-witness in an affidavit admitted as evidence by the Eighth Army tribunal.

Ex-nurse Shizuko Shimada witnessed operations on four Americans at the Kyushu Imperial University in 1945. She told what she saw in testimony in the trial of 30 Japanese, including one woman, accused of violation of eight captive B-29 crewmen. Shimada was not a defendant.

In one operation, she said, she saw a doctor (deceased) "cut out the stomach and I brought a pan over and received it from him."

She said "either all or almost all of the stomach was taken out." She added "it would have been very difficult for the prisoner to digest any food if he had lived."

"Bug Poison"
Another operation she saw was a lung operation. After the incision was sown up blood kept flowing out.

A doctor said it "would be good to make bed bug poison." It was cut open again and the doctor scooped blood out of the chest cavity.

At the competition will probably commence during June, members wishing handicaps are asked to hand in cards as soon as possible.

COUNTY CRICKET WICKETS TRICKY

London, May 24.

Week-end rain in most parts of the country caused some trickery to more than one wicket where a County championship cricket match was in progress, and batsmen had to be wary.

Middlesex, who are without their star players (engaged with the MCC against Australia), are in the strange position of being in danger of following-on. Their match was delayed four hours owing to rain today and at the close of play the county, with only three wickets standing, still wanted 120 runs to save a follow-on.

One match finished today, and Northamptonshire scored their first success of the season and their first against Nottinghamshire since 1910. Boderick's left arm slow bowling was the feature, as with 7 for 29 in the second innings, he had a match record of 13 wickets for 60 runs.

The wicket at Bristol was always awkward at Gloucestershire discovered, for they were struggling from the moment that Barnett lost his wicket off the day's first ball. They saved the follow-on, but their bowlers did not get the same help from the turf when Yorkshire batted again, and rapid scoring put the Tykes in a strong position.

Scoreboard
At Hove: Sussex 237 and 60 for four; Leicestershire 252 (Jackson 97, C. Cakes four for 30).

At Peterborough: Northamptonshire beat Nottinghamshire by 137 runs. Gloucestershire 257 and 227, Somerset 249 and 98 (Trick six for 29).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire beat Essex by two wickets. Essex 228 and 174, Warwickshire 149 and 235 for 8 (Hill 70, Dollery not out 70).—Reuter.

Yesterday's Games
London, May 25.
The following were the results of county cricket matches played today:

At-Gillingham: Derbyshire beat Kent by 108 runs. Derbyshire 311 and 171, Kent 171 and 143 (Copson three for 15).

At Swanscombe: Glamorgan beat Somersetshire by 137 runs. Glamorgan 257 and 227, Somerset 249 and 98 (Trick six for 29).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire beat Essex by two wickets. Essex 228 and 174, Warwickshire 149 and 235 for 8 (Hill 70, Dollery not out 70).—Reuter.

Health Week Awards

The awards to school children who won prizes in Health Week competitions will be distributed at the Alhambra Theatre at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Prizes will also be shown and admission is free.

The following are the winners of the School Poster Competition:

SENIOR:—Wan Suet Chan (Sun Sau Girls' Middle School), Philippa Fortalio (Central British School, Kowloon), Tui Man (Chi Sing School).

CONSOLATIONS:—Eather Yiu (St. Francis School), and Leung Hon Sang (Mongkok Middle School).

JUNIOR:—Chan Tung Sang (Chi Hang School), Tui Man (Cheung Shui Fung Kai School), Chan Kwok Wai (Kowloon San Chai School).

CONSOLATIONS:—Li Kam Hung (Wanchai Workers' Children School), Tui Man (Cheung Shui Fung Kai School), Leung Hon Sang (Mongkok Middle School).

SENIOR ESSAY COMPETITION:—Ng Tat Wing (Yamat Government A.M. School), Leung Chi Wang and Ng Ming Lun (Government Anglo-Chinese A.M. School).

CONSOLATIONS:—Li Kam Hung (Wanchai Workers' Children School), Tui Man (Cheung Shui Fung Kai School), Leung Hon Sang (Mongkok Middle School).

JUNIOR ESSAY COMPETITION:—Chan For Sing (Mei Wah Middle School, Hong Kong), Lee For Chuen (San Man School, Shek-O), Pong Wai Ching (Kowloon Tak Ching Middle School).

CONSOLATIONS:—Lam Hai Nin (Cheung Chau Government School), Gwynne Wu (St. Clare's School, Hong Kong), Poon Po Ying (Mongkok Government School, A.M.).

Francis Cardinal Spellman, highest American dignitary of the Catholic Church, is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong today. Tomorrow morning, Cardinal Spellman will officiate at the 3 a.m. Mass at the Catholic Cathedral.

A public reception in honour of the visitor will be held at 8.30 p.m. at the Hong Kong Hotel tomorrow.

The Flaherty who were on their way to a fishing ground noticed a floating object and at once notified searchers, who were said to have been employed by Mr. S. K. Au, father of the student, and Secretary of the Chinese-Spectator Foreign Affairs Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi, Mr. T. W. Kwok.

Sampans were at once sent to the scene and the body hauled ashore.

Cotton Exports

London, May 25.
Britain cut her export target of cotton piece goods to hard currency countries—the United States, Canada and Argentina—by 20 per cent to-day.

The old target was 125 per cent of the exports of those countries in 1938. The new target, which the Board of Trade said will be reviewed in September, is 115 per cent.—Associated Press.

Further Opium Charges

With two previous convictions for possession of Chinese tobacco, Siu Fat (30), was yesterday sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W. H. Latimer on the charge of possession of 15 taels of raw opium at the K.C.R. Station at 7.30 p.m. on May 24.

For possession of a similar quantity of raw opium, Wong Kwok-yan (40) was fined \$1,300 or six months' hard labour by the same Magistrate. Defendant was arrested at the K.C.R. Station.

Revenue Officer D. H. Knox prosecuted in both cases.

Tau Kan (36), married woman of 42 Leichikok Road, first floor, whose premises were raided by Det. Sub-Inspector J. L. Sykes, was fined \$170 for keeping an opium diwan and possession of prepared opium, pipes, and lamps. The five smokers were fined \$20 each by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

A fine of \$300 was imposed on Chan Pong (28) by the same Magistrate for keeping an opium diwan at 520 Shanghai Street, second floor, and possession of prepared opium. Four smokers had their bail of \$30 each ex-stayed. Premises were raided by DSI Sykes.

Lee Chiu-ying (28) of 247 Kilang Street, first floor, was fined \$150 for keeping an opium diwan and possession of prepared opium. Her three customers were fined \$20 each. DSI D. S. Roberts conducted the raid.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth prosecuted in all cases.

Taxi Driver Fined

Charged with driving without due care and attention, Tse Tong, driver of a public vehicle of the Man Sang Garage, was fined \$25 at Central Magistrate yesterday by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida.

Traffic Sub-Inspector J. L. Wai prosecuted, while Mr. G. A. R. Russ represented defendant.

W. Hollands of the P.V.D. and his son, F. Hollands, told the Court that they were travelling in their cars at about 15 m.p.h. Outside the Dairy Farm, Des Voeux Road Central, they saw a public vehicle ahead. Witness said that while passing the car, which pulled out from the curb, their rear bumper and defendant's front bumper interlocked.

Secret Hearings On Condon

Washington, May 24.
Informed sources disclosed today that the House Un-American Activities Sub-Committee had been holding secret hearings on the loyalty of Dr. E. U. Condon for more than a week.

Dr. Condon is director of the National Bureau of Standards and one of the scientists who helped create the atomic bomb.

Informed sources said one charge brought against Dr. Condon was that he was a member of the American-Soviet Science Society, which the Committee said was connected with the National Council of Soviet-American Friendship, labelled as a Communist front by the Attorney General (Mr. Tom Clark).

Dr. Condon said that he never taken an active role in the Society's activities.

The sources said the Yale University Professor of History, Prof. John M. Mears, had been subpoenaed to appear tomorrow for questioning by the Committee.

They added that the Committee's principal charge was that Dr. Condon "knowingly or unknowingly" associated with the Communists and one alleged Soviet spy.—United Press.

Quarry Death

Trang Pak, 35, appeared at the Central Magistrate yesterday, and was remanded for one week where he appeared before Mr. J. H. Shing, J.C., on a charge of manslaughter of Wong Sik, apprentice, who was killed by a piece of stone blasted from a quarry at Shauiwan on May 6.

At the inquest a verdict of death due to negligence in failing to take the proper precautions before blasting was recorded.

Other charges of blasting without taking the proper precautions and failing to warn all people within a radius of 500 yards of the blasting were laid.

Tsang is to be defended by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon and June 25, and 26, were fixed as the dates for the case to be heard.

YACHT CLUB PLANS FOR SUMMER RACING

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club intends to encourage Star racing this summer and develop races for Jubilees and Dragons on Saturdays, leaving Sundays free for cruising.

It is also intended to take more advantage of daylight saving and evening breezes by organising races for Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. for Stars and dinghies. These will begin tomorrow.

Booking Stars for weekend races should now be done through sailing captain T. F. Honess, phone 50578.

Last Saturday and Sunday afternoon conditions were favourable for sailing but Sunday morning's very light breezes were insufficient for dinghy racing.

SATURDAY
DINGHIES: Start 10.10.
Place Boat Casualty Time

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